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Amnesty Speaker Addresses Women's Rights

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The rights of women vary greatly in regions across the world. As the twentieth century draws to a close, women have gained influence where previously there was none to be had. Attitudes towards women remain controversial in countries all over the world.

The Life of Mahnaz Afkhami

Last Monday Amnesty International invited Mahnaz Afkhami to speak about her tumultuous experiences and her life after the Islamic Revolution. Born in Kerman, Iran in 1941 she has held positions ranging from chair of the English department at the University of Iran to secretary-general of the Women's Organization of Iran. Her position in Iran as Minister of State for Women's Affairs was terminated after the revolution and she has been in exile for the past fifteen years. Currently she is acting president of the Sisterhood is Global Institute, a member of the Advisory Committee on Women of Human Rights Watch, and the Executive Director of the Foundation for Iranian Studies.

Afkhami began by discussing the plight of women not only in her country but all over the world. "It is a pleasure to be here speaking about a women's project. It is not often that they are the subject of an Amnesty alert. In fact there are twenty million women in exile. However those twenty million women are referred to as being euphemistically "displaced."

Personal Experiences

Afkhami related some of her personal experiences and spoke out angrily about the situation in Iran. "Before the Islamic Revolution of 1979 I was a professor at the National University of Iran and was forced to resign because of those developments. The revolution was a backlash against women. Since 1979 there has been war and international isolationism. Women have been the center of the government's scrutiny as they attempt to control the 'wayward women' in Iran".



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Mahnaz Afkhami was invited to speak to Amnesty International on Monday.

She described the women during the period as being "energized but not in tune as the country was falling to pieces." When Afkhami left Iran in 1979 she was always under the assumption that she could one day return and help to remedy the situation. She eventually realized that she couldn't go back or she would face execution.

She expressed the wide array of emotions she felt at different stages of her exile. "One feels a loss of identity that is not realized. Exile cuts you off without a shell and framework of existence." Afkhami continued by recounting the stages one experiences after being exiled. "At first there is a period of denial... that one day you will return home... Then little by little you participate in activities. After some time there is that realization and the grieving begins until you adjust to the present lifestyle. What follows is the formulation of a new identity." She likened it to the loss of a loved one.

"Women in Exile"

Afkhami then cited a book she had assisted

in compiling called "Women in Exile." The book documents the lives of twelve women, all of whom have been exiled from their country. She described the lives of women from the perspective of several different cultures. Afkhami referred to the life of Hotran, a Vietnamese woman who was forced to leave her country, as one of these women. "The functions of a woman were for a woman to obey her father... A wife to obey her husband... and a widow to obey her son." A woman was to conform to the rules of society by having the proper voice and morals that were suitable to the male population.

Even a subtle incident encountered by a Palestinian girl sheds some light on the male-dominated world we live in. An aunt had come to visit her niece and nephew. Upon meeting the both of them she asked the boy what he

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Court Rules in Little's Favor Over Youth Vote Controversy

by News-Letter Staff

The controversy regarding the voting eligibility of youth members of the Baltimore chapter of the NAACP was settled in court Monday, when Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman of the Baltimore Circuit Court ruled in favor of youth members.

Kobi Little, a 1994 Hopkins graduate who is running for president of the Baltimore NAACP chapter, had filed suit in conjunction with three other members of the organization to attempt to overturn the NAACP's decision to prevent youth members from voting in the election.

The controversy centered around the group's membership fee. Traditionally, the Baltimore chapter has allowed only those members who paid the ten dollar adult membership fee to vote in citywide elections. Those who paid three dollar youth membership fees had been eligible to vote only in their respective youth council elections.

Lawyers for Mr. Little and three other plaintiffs argued that the NAACP constitution specifically states that eligible voters must be 17 years old, have paid the minimum fee for membership, and have been a part of the branch for one month.

On October 28, exactly one month before the elections were to have taken place, Kobi Little submitted applications for 540 new members that he had personally recruited in a membership drive. Current branch president Rodney Orange ruled that approximately 400 of those new members were ineligible to vote because they submitted three dollar youth membership applica-

tions.

The decision, which Kobi Little called a "victory for the entire NAACP," affects not only those 400 new youth members, but all members of the Baltimore NAACP who are between the ages of 17-20 and are three dollar youth members. Those members will now be eligible to vote when the election takes place, likely early in 1995.

Rodney Orange, who was unavailable to the *News-Letter* for comment after the decision, told *The Sun* earlier this week that it may take some time to track down exactly how many members are affected. Mr. Orange told the *News-Letter* in an interview last week that when youth applications are accepted, the new members are referred to the appropriate youth council. Youth councils are essentially autonomous, he said, explaining, "They [youth members] do not even go on our rolls."

Rodney Orange still is confident that he can win the election. Mr. Orange has accused Mr. Little as being part of a national movement of disgruntled supporters of ousted national leader Benjamin Chavis who are trying to take over large urban chapters.

Kobi Little has repeatedly denied that allegation and is very confident about his chances, especially after his legal victory. Commenting on the decision, he stated, "This is an indication to the public that I am ready to be president, that I do have the skills, the vision, and the tenacity to move forward."

At this time, the elections have not been scheduled and the NAACP has not announced whether or not the group will appeal the decision.

Hopkins Alumnus Celebrates Five Years on Security Detail

by Mark Binker
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

John Yates is known to most of his coworkers and friends as Jack. A self described life long neighbor of Hopkins and Hopkins alumni, he is also a Hopkins employee. Five years ago Wednesday Jack completed his fifth year of work with the Hopkins Security Escort Service.

Alumni

Jack is an Alumnus of the Hopkins School of the Continuing Studies, M.S. '76 Education M.A.S. Public administration '82. One day he saw an ad in the alumni magazine that said the security department was having trouble finding reliable drivers. The ad asked alumni to encourage people they might know who are reliable to apply. "Well, I didn't know anybody, but I myself was interested."

Jack is not retired and "rushes like crazy" to get from his job as an administrator and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services to Shriver Hall. There he picks up his log board,

radio, and van keys and heads out in his security shuttle.

Why?

"I used to be a probation officer," says Jack, "and I was always dealing with young people. I got moved upstairs to the administrative end of things. I never though I'd hear myself say it, but I started missing dealing with young people... This sort of fills that need."

Jack says that there are many similarities between Hopkins students and the kids he use to work with. "They wear the same clothes, listen to the same music, have a lot of the same interest. Students here are better organized and more goal oriented but in a lot of respects they're the same as the kids I used to have on probation. I just like being with them, especially the undergraduates."

Jack works Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. "It gets hectic from time to time," says Jack "some people make unreasonable requests, but that doesn't happen too often."

"I do accept the paycheck, but that's not the main reason I do this," says Jack. "



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Dr. Howard Taylor was one of the panel members called together to discuss the issue of "intelligence."

Intelligence Forum Sparks Heated Debate; Deteriorates During Question Answer Period

by Paul Fisher
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

On Tuesday, December 7, a heated debate took place in Shriver Hall concerning a topic which has become both controversial and emotional on campus and throughout the rest of the country as well: the dispute over intelligence. A group of four experts on the subject were brought together so as to best discuss the matter at hand.

The Panelists

The panel consisted of Dr. Robert Gordon, a Hopkins sociologist and professor whose expertise lies in the area of sociology of intelligence, focusing on research in the study of crime and delinquency; Dr. Howard Taylor, a professor from Princeton University and expert on sociology of IQ; Dr. Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, a Hopkins professor, knowledgeable in the study of racial and social matters; and Dr. Melvin Kohn, also a Hopkins professor well-versed and knowledgeable on the matter of social stratification.

The debate commenced with an introduction by Dr. Lester M. Salamon, director of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies. Dr. Salamon explained to the audience the importance of conducting discussions and debates at Hopkins on topics of such controversy. He explained that a University is one of the few places where heated subjects can be scientifically discussed and "where passion is forced to come to terms with reality."

The first presentation in the intelligence debate was Dr. Robert Gordon. Dr. Gordon began his discussion by illustrating that a definition of intelligence is only good if it can be accurately rated and assessed. He went on to explain that intelligence was a phenotype, and there is little dispute over the factors that are involved in its make-up, and whether it can be accurately measured.

Intelligence Research

With the assistance of an overhead projector, Gordon used a selection of transparencies to demonstrate individual studies on intelligence research. He explained that progression

in the study of intelligence was greatly influenced by the discovery that intelligence is to a large degree hereditary. With this assumption, Gordon then went on to explain and define what is called a "general factor of intelligence."

Gordon demonstrated that it is this factor that is measured in all intelligence tests. The remaining part of Gordon's discussion consisted of the presentation of research that demonstrated a black-white difference in mean scores on intelligence tests. According to Gordon, the difference in mean scores between the two groups is not due to environmental differences, but rather inherited ones.

"The Bell Curve"

The next major speaker in the debate was Dr. Howard Taylor. Dr. Taylor's comments focused mostly on the matters contained in the book "The Bell Curve," by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray. According to Taylor, The "Bell Curve" makes five assumptions that he claims are very much incorrect. One of these

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Union Memorial Hospital Develops Express Care Emergency Service

In order to better meet the need of ambulatory emergency room patients whose illnesses and injuries are less severe, The Union Memorial Hospital has expanded its "express care" center in the department of emergency medicine. The newly-expanded unit features nine examination and treatment rooms and a dedicated medical team. This service opened on November 21 following ten month trial period.

The express care team consists of a physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical technician and medical secretary. According to Victoria Thorton, M.D., Union Memorial's Chief of Emergency Medicine, the treatment team uses a cooperative treatment approach to ensure proper care and as brief a stay as possible in the emergency room.

Thorton says the express care team treats injuries such as sprains and strains, minor fractures, upper respiratory infections and minor urinary infections. Children, with their assortment of ear infections and cold symptoms are also frequent patients.

"Patients come because they perceive something to be an emergency, and all emergencies start with that perception," Dr. Thorton explains. The dedicated team, which takes care of the less severe cases, allows the entire emergency department to run more smoothly. Such express care units are becoming more and more popular with busy urban emergency rooms.

-Don DeFillo

Stolen Mercury Leads to Dorm Evacuation

The mercury has been going down in southern Florida, but it has nothing to do with colder temperatures.

More than 180 students at Florida Atlantic University were temporarily moved out of their dorm hall after school officials found small mercury

spills in 15 separate rooms.

The students were given emergency physicals and blood and urine tests to determine whether or not they have been exposed to the toxic metal. If a high level of mercury is inhaled, it can cause neurological ailments and liver disease.

The bulk of the mercury was found in Seminole Hall, which houses 185 students. The dorm was completely evacuated on Saturday, Nov. 26, after students reported seeing traces of the shiny substance on the balcony. Soon after, local health officials detected mercury throughout the dorm.

Campus police found a plastic bottle filled with mercury in the room of two female students, who are currently being questioned. Earlier in the week, researchers at the school's physics lab reported that four pounds of mercury were missing.

FAU police say most of the missing mercury has been discovered. In addition to the dorm rooms, they found the substance in the science building and near an outdoor pond.

Until Seminole Hall is cleared for residents' use by the health department, which officials say may take several weeks, students are staying at the Boca Raton Sheraton at a cost of \$5,000 per day to the university.

-College Press Service

Employers Project Increase in Hiring, Campus Visits

Employers plan to hire more college graduates this year than they did last year, according to a recent survey by the College Placement Council.

Overall, respondents project hiring 4.2 percent more graduates in 1994-95 than they actually hired in 1993-94.

And there's more good news: a slightly higher number of employers plan on recruiting for job candidates at college and university campuses. More than 34 percent of the employers responding to the survey plan to increase the number of campuses they will visit, while 40 percent plan to maintain the same number of scheduled visits as

last year. Only 23 percent of the employers plan to visit fewer campuses this year.

The net effect: Employers plan to visit 1.2 percent more campuses in the 1994-95 recruiting season than they visited last year.

Starting salaries are expected to increase modestly this year. Employers plan to increase starting salaries to their new entry-level hires an overall average of 2.8 percent this year. Manufacturing employers plan to increase starting salaries to their new hires by 2.9 percent, services employers plan to increase starting salaries by 2.7 percent and government and nonprofit employers plan to increase starting salaries 2.4 percent this year.

The "Job Outlook '95" report is based upon a survey of 227 employers conducted by College Placement Council, Inc.

Civilian Students "Fall In" To Early Morning Exercise

Sarah Kearney, a first-year student at the University of Dayton, gets up at 6 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, races to the campus Physical Activity Center and joins about 40 other students as they begin Army ROTC physical training or PT.

For the next hour, she does sit-ups, push-ups, runs and sings—everything in military style.

But Kearney is not in ROTC, nor does she desire to join the military. She comes to the training for fun, believe it or not.

"I love PT because I'm getting into shape," Kearney says. "It's so motivational. Everyone cheers you on, and you push yourself to accomplish so much."

And Kearney is not the only civilian participant.

About 18 first and second-year students who are not required to be at PT regularly show up, according to Col. James Roy, director of the military science department at UD.

"PT helps me wake up for my eight o'clock class," says John Topmiller, a UD student.

Captain Thomas Byrd, a military

science instructor, says he occasionally mentions the training in class for anyone who may be looking for a good workout.

"Everybody wants to get into shape these days, and PT offers students that chance," he says. "But PT is designed so that you learn something. More importantly, that you learn something about yourself. All the education in the world won't help you if you don't know yourself."

However, the first PT session can be intimidating.

"The first day I kept asking myself, 'What am I doing?' 'Why am I here?' and even, 'Where am I?'" says Kearney.

-College Press Service

Classes Around the Clock

Tired of hanging out at 7-11 until two in the morning? Sick of watching Nick at Nite? Then head to the classroom.

School officials at Oklahoma City Community College have announced plans to offer courses 24 hours a day beginning in January.

"What is nighttime to one person is daytime to another," said Dr. Bobby Gaines, president of the college. "There's a population out there that needs an extra opportunity to excel. I believe this project will meet some of those needs."

According to Gaines, Oklahoma City has a wide range of shift employees working for AT&T, the FAA and United Parcel Service who aren't able to attend classes that are offered at conventional times.

Initially, Gaines says, OCCC will schedule 12 courses beginning shortly after midnight to help serve those workers and others who want to earn an associate's degree or upgrade their job skills. The late-night courses will focus on business, health care and computer science. "But if the classes fill up and students show an interest," Gaines said, "we'll consider expanding the schedule."

-College Press Service

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The BSU sponsored forum on race, intelligence and achievement was held Wednesday night. Hopkins' Professor Gordon and others debated issues surrounding the controversial book "The Bell Curve." The forum attracted a wide array of students, faculty, staff and community. Page A1

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Kobbie Little has won his battle with the NAACP. Now that youth members will be admitted, his bid for the leadership of the Baltimore chapter takes on a new dimension. Page A1

You might know him as "Jack." He is one of the older van drivers and celebrated five years of service to the Hopkins security department this week. Page A1

A recent rash of muggings has once again

raised Charles Village crime consciousness. In a related story, the Royal Farms shooters have been arrested. Page A3

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A team of researchers led by Dr. William G. Nelson, assistant professor of oncology and urology at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center recently discovered a genetic defect that may impede the body's ability to defend itself against carcinogens. B7

The only Welch Lecture of the semester, featuring Dr. Paul McHugh, Henry Phipps, Professor and Director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins

Hospital, addressed his topic "The Contemporary Wrench: The Repressed Memory Chaos" B7

The state of Maryland has decided to shine ten spotlight beams from the top of the World Trade Center in downtown Baltimore. Dr. Richard Henry, of the Rowland Department of Physics at JHU, has asked that the lighting idea be reconsidered because it might dim the view from the rooftop observatory on the Homewood campus. B7

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"Mixed Nuts" Music from the Motion Picture is the new "dark screwball comedy" directed by Nora Ephron and starring Steve Martin. Its soundtrack features songs about all kinds of Christmases. B10

Mariah Carey's "Merry Christmas" from Columbia Records offers her rendition of the classic holiday songs. B10

Elvis Presley's "If Every Day Was Like Christmas" from RCA Records is a fine compilation of both traditional and modern favorites sung by none other than the King himself. B10

Donna Summer's "Christmas Spirit" from PolyGram Records is small collection of old classics and new renditions. B10

The Canadian Brass' "Noel" features such classical artists as James Galway, Richard

Stoltzman, Jerry Hadley, and the King's Singers. B10

Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Out in LA" from EMI Records is a collection of remixes, and unreleased versions of songs circa the Reagan years. B11

On Friday, the Barnstormers will open their three-day run of Barry Harman and Keith Herrman's musical of historical of modern significance, "Romance, Romance." B11

Ivan Reitman's "Junior" is a little comedy about a pregnancy with a little twist. Arnold Swartzenegger, Danny DeVito, and Emma Thompson star. B11

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Errata

The following errors appeared in the December 2, 1994 issue of the Johns Hopkins News-Letter:

•On A2, in the digest, Kobi Little's name was spelled incorrectly.
•Scott Gambale's name was incorrectly spelled in the sub-headline on A4.
•Ajit Fernandes' and John Dunlop's names were spelled incorrectly in the staff box and on B5.
•On B3, the name of John Carroll University was spelled incorrectly.
•In the quiz, Charles Perrault's name was spelled incorrectly.

The News-Letter regrets these errors.

Community Crime Report

Reported by the Homewood Security Office

November 28, 1994

•7:15 a.m. 100 Blk. W. 28th St. Unknown suspect took a 1991 Pontiac that was parked on the street.
•7:50 a.m. 2500 Blk. N Charles St. Suspect forced open the front door, entered the store and took a phone and answering machine valued at \$150.
•12:00 p.m. 3500 Blk. St. Paul St. Unknown person broke into a '86 Toyota Corolla and took two ladies wallets valued at \$292.
•1:06 p.m. 700 Blk. E. 36th St. Unknown person kicked in the complainant's back door and fled the scene. No property is reported missing.
•2:00 p.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. A ladies purse, cash, credit cards, and keys were taken from a doctor's office. Value \$30.
•2:30 p.m. 2500 Blk. N. Howard St. A set of Maryland license plates, valued at \$10, were removed from a '89 Chevy.
•6:01 p.m. 900 Blk. W. 36th St. An unknown suspect entered the store, took ten packs of batteries and fled the scene in a pickup truck.
•6:15 p.m. 2800 Blk. Maryland Ave. Unknown suspect broke a front door window, entered and removed assorted CDs and stereo equipment valued at \$840.
•6:30 p.m. 3200 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Suspect took a 6 pack of Budweiser beer, valued at \$7.50, from the store and fled on foot.
•9:15 p.m. 3300 Blk. N. Calvert St. Unknown suspect broke a car window and took a cellular phone valued at \$290.
•11:50 p.m. Unit Blk. E. 32nd St. A car that was parked on the street was stolen.

November 29, 1994

•12:01 a.m. 400 Blk. E. 33rd St. The victim stated that she was raped over a three day period by a known suspect.
•12:15 a.m. 3400 Blk. St. Paul St. Unknown person broke a car window and took motor oil and fabric softener, valued at \$20.
•12:50 a.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. A suspect took property valued at \$54.51 from a display inside a store. The suspect was arrested.
•4:00 a.m. 2500 Blk. Guilford Ave. Unknown person forced open a kitchen door, entered and took property valued at \$775.
•5:30 a.m. 2600 Blk. N. Calvert St. Unknown person forced open a bedroom window, entered the apartment and took \$10 from a dresser drawer.
•7:20 a.m. 3200 Blk. Keswick Rd. The daughter of the victim took assorted jewelry, valued at \$1675, from their dwelling. The suspect was arrested.
•7:45 a.m. 3200 Blk. St. Paul St. Unknown person forced open a window in the rear of a store and entered the building. No property was taken.
•10:10 a.m. 2800 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Suspect concealed property valued at \$24.84 and attempted to leave the store without paying. The suspect was arrested.

rested.

•10:50 a.m. 200 Blk. E. 28th St. Unknown person broke a window of a '90 Toyota and took property valued at \$60.
•12:40 p.m. 3200 Blk. St. Paul St. A Motorola cellular phone valued at \$100 was taken from a '88 Chevy parked on the street.
•1:13 p.m. 2500 Blk. St. Paul St. Unknown armed suspect approached the victim on the street and demanded money. The suspect fired two shots into the air. Loss of \$90.
•2:28 p.m. 200 Blk. E. University Pkwy. Two unknown suspects removed two car security locks from a display and fled the store without paying. Value \$59.90.
•3:00 p.m. 2600 Blk. N. Calvert St. Unknown suspect attempted to steal a '90 Jeep by breaking a window and forcing the ignition.
•4:20 p.m. 3200 Blk. Greenmount Ave. An unknown suspect took a pair of hiking boots and fled on foot. Value \$29.
•7:00 p.m. Unit Blk. E. 26th St. Suspect took various cassettes and money, total value of \$152, from a '90 Toyota parked on the street.
•7:30 p.m. Unit Blk. E. University Pkwy. A bag, running shoes and various clothes valued at \$408 were removed from a '93 Jeep parked on the street.

November 30, 1994

•6:30 a.m. 600 Blk. Gorsuch Ave. A high powered spot light and 4 jack assemblies, valued at \$407, were taken from the street.
•9:00 a.m. 3400 Blk. St. Paul St. Unknown person took the complainant's '78 Dodge which was parked on the street.
•5:45 p.m. 300 Blk. E. 30th St. Unknown suspect forced open the front door of a dwelling, entered and removed a camcorder, phone and jewelry. Total value \$1200.
•6:00 p.m. 2600 Blk. Miles Ave. Known suspect used a key to enter the house and took various jewelry valued at \$995.84.
•8:45 p.m. 3200 Blk. Frisby St. Two suspects armed with an unknown type of handgun approached a pizza delivery person and took a '84 BMW.
•9:20 p.m. 3600 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Two suspects armed with an unknown type of handgun approached the victim, took a pager valued at \$40, shot the victim and fled.

December 1, 1994

•8:30 a.m. 3100 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Unknown person entered a '78 Toyota and took a golf bag and clothing. Value \$100.
•9:30 a.m. 100 Blk. W. University Pkwy. Unknown person took the victim's '85 Oldsmobile which was parked on the street.
•1:00 p.m. 3700 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Unknown suspect entered a dwelling through an unlocked rear door and took a radio valued at \$125.
•1:50 p.m. 3100 Blk. Greenmount Ave. A suspect took two adding machines from the store, valued at \$39.98, and was later arrested.

•3:08 p.m. 3200 Blk. Greenmount Ave. A suspect was arrested for shoplifting an X-Man action figure valued at \$5.99.
•5:10 p.m. Old York Rd. The victim was approached by seven unknown suspects. One, armed with a baseball bat, struck the victim and fled.
•7:00 p.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. Unknown suspect took a red '93 Toyota from a parking lot. A car alarm was activated and a club was installed.
•8:15 p.m. 3300 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Unknown person took \$40 from someone's pocket.

December 2, 1994

•12:01 a.m. 3200 Blk. Barclay St. A suspect removed an ATM card from a private dwelling.
•2:00 a.m. 2500 Blk. N. Howard St. An unknown person broke a car window and removed a staple gun and money. Value \$216.
•2:15 a.m. 2700 Blk. St. Paul St. An AM/FM stereo cassette player, and two JVC speakers were stolen from a parked car. Value \$375.
•5:20 a.m. 3601 3600 Blk. Falls Rd. Unknown suspect removed a package of crackers, valued at \$0.50, from a convenience store and left without paying.
•10:00 a.m. 400 Blk. E. 28th St. A Christmas wreath, valued at \$20, was removed from a door.
•11:30 a.m. 2800 Blk. N. Charles St. An unknown person broke a car window and removed 4 cassette tapes valued at \$40.
•10:50 p.m. 500 Blk. W. 29th St. Two suspects armed with a black handgun and a silver handgun robbed the store of an unknown amount of cash and fled the scene.

December 3, 1994

•12:49 a.m. 3400 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Known suspect approached the victim and grab a bag containing a VCR valued at \$120. The suspect was arrested and the property recovered.
•1:30 a.m. 3300 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Unknown suspect used an tool to pry open a front door, entered, and removed watches, shampoo, cough medicine and nasal drops. Total value \$595.72.
•5:00 a.m. 300 Blk. E. 30th St. Suspect took a light blue '94 Dodge that was parked on the street.
•7:30 a.m. 3600 Blk. Falls Rd. Unknown suspect picked up and carried away property from the rear of a parked vehicle. Value \$96.
•6:30 p.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. Known person arrested for removing a pack of crab meat, valued at \$10.79, from a store without paying.
•8:45 p.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. Known, arrested suspect removed 3 packs of cheese and two packs of cream cheese, total value \$10.05.
•8:50 p.m. 3500 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Unknown suspect used a tool to break a living room window, entered and fled after being confronted by the owner.

•11:00 p.m. 3000 Blk. N. Calvert St. A ladies shoulder bag, wallet, credit cards, bank card, blank checks, coat and personal papers, totaling \$221, were removed from a parked car.
•11:15 p.m. 3500 Blk. Beech Ave. Known, arrested suspect attempted to pry open a front door of a dwelling with a knife.
•11:25 p.m. 700 Blk. Homestead St. Unknown suspect forced open a front door, entered, took a VCR and shoes, valued at \$400, and fled the scene.
•11:45 p.m. 2600 Blk. N. Charles St. Two unknown suspects armed with a handgun approached the victim and took a wallet and credit cards. Value \$20.

December 4, 1994

•12:30 a.m. 3400 N. Charles St. Unknown suspect approached the victim on a college parking lot, demanded cash and took a wallet and cash. Value \$12.
•7:25 a.m. 200 Blk. E. 32nd St. Suspect attempted to break a car window. A witness called the police and the suspect was arrested.
•8:00 a.m. 400 Blk. E. 28th St. The victim's son took his TV to sell for drugs. Value \$250. The suspect was arrested.
•8:30 a.m. 370 Blk. Greenmount Ave. The boyfriend of the victim took her TV from her dwelling when she left. Value \$160.
•12:45 p.m. 3100 Blk. Greenmount Ave. The suspect placed various health and beauty products into a bag and was arrested upon leaving the store. Total value of property \$105.16.
•1:30 p.m. 2800 Blk. N. Charles St. An unknown suspect took a ski jacket and gloves from a table at a church.
•2:00 p.m. Unit Blk. Art Museum Dr. Two leather coats were taken from a '88 Toyota, value \$250.
•2:45 p.m. 3400 Blk. Greenway. Three suspects took a blue '88 Acura. The vehicle alarm system was on; witnesses took photos of the suspects.
•5:00 p.m. 2500 Blk. Maryland Ave. Unknown suspect used a tool to remove two tires and rims from a '88 Toyota. Value \$320.
•6:00 p.m. 2900 Blk. Guilford Ave. Unknown suspect used a tool to break a rear window, entered the dwelling and was confronted by the owner. The suspect fled on bicycle.
•7:00 p.m. W. University Pkwy. Two unknown suspects approached a pizza delivery person and took \$200 in cash.
•9:00 p.m. 400 Blk. E. 26th St. Unknown suspect used a tool to force open a rear door, entered, and took a VCR and color TV. Total value \$407.
•9:55 p.m. 700 Blk. W. 40th St. An arrested suspect removed 5 steaks, valued at \$29.11, from a grocery store and attempted to leave without paying. The suspect was arrested.

Wisconsin Student Protests Tuition Hike

by Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee student Robert Miranda was getting tired of paying higher tuition each year. And when he realized that state legislators weren't giving much consideration to the issue, Miranda decided to skip a few meals to get some attention.

Miranda, UW's student government president, began a hunger strike on Oct. 20 to protest the increasing costs of education. The 32-year-old junior announced that he would drink only fruit juice and water until state officials launched an investigation into the cause of the annual hike in tuition at Wisconsin state universities.

"I wanted to send a message out and the only way I could get the attention of members of the media and government was to hold a hunger strike," said Miranda. "We were able to get some attention when we held a protest at the state capital in Madison, but we still weren't getting the coverage we thought the issue deserved."

Miranda said he and several other students at UW feel that inflation has little to do with the ever-escalating cost of higher education. Instead, the students blame misplaced priorities from federal officials and university administrators who wish to place more emphasis on corporate investment than education.

"The primary role of the public university should not be to help private businesses make more money," said Miranda. "We're not just talking about the costs of education, but the integrity of the entire system."

Miranda said he believes that increasing costs at universities can be traced back to the Bayh-Dole Act, a piece of 1980 federal legislation that is also known as the University-Small Business Patent Act.

The Bayh-Dole Act allows universities to conduct research with the aid of grants from private companies. The schools then can sell exclusive licenses on all discoveries they make to the sponsoring company. This not only saves businesses sizable dollars by letting someone else do the research but earns them extensive tax credits for investing in university research.

The theory that the Bayh-Dole Act helped drive higher education costs through the roof was originated by the National Coalition for

Universities in the Public Interest, an education reform organization founded by Ralph Nader and Leonard Minsky in 1983. Miranda said that after the act was signed into law, universities across the nation immediately raised tuition to help fund their new opportunities in research.

"If a school was actively pursuing corporate dollars to do research, they had to upgrade their facilities to industry standards," said Miranda, who is majoring in criminal justice. "Then they went out and hired high-cost researchers with impressive credentials with no intention of ever putting them in a classroom in front of students. The emphasis shifted from education to research, and the students paid the price."

David Merkwitz, spokesperson for the American Council on Education, said that he has heard the Bayh-Dole Act theory before, but feels there are more tangible factors for the increase in tuition costs.

"The share of money for higher education from most state budgets has dropped significantly," he said. "And given the fact that universities have to offer more than ever before to attract students, the need for money is even more pronounced."

And while Miranda is convinced that the Bayh-Dole legislation is to blame for rising college costs, he said he went on a hunger strike to bring attention to the entire problem.

"No one can deny how quickly tuition costs went up," said the Chicago native. "What we want the state legislators to do is study the problem. If we're wrong, that's fine. But there's a reason costs are so high, and we need to identify it so we can do something about it."

On Nov. 4, two weeks into his hunger strike, Miranda received word that his concerns would be addressed.

"Some state legislators came to our office, read our material and promised us they'd look into it," said Miranda, adding that after the initial hunger pains went away, he had no physical problems during his 14-day fast except for occasionally feeling light-headed. "The ball is in their court now."

"I've had tremendous support from the students, and I would think that the elected officials will take that into consideration. We hope that some answers to our questions come soon."

Frishberg Comments on New Loan Program

Individual Education Account Arrives at Hopkins in Time for 1995-96 School Year

by News-Letter Staff Other Advantages

"A big part of the problem of getting more Americans into college and having them stay there has been the broken federal college loan program.... Today, I want to talk about what we have done to fix that system," said President Clinton in remarks made to an October audience. Clinton was referring to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

As the College Press Service reported earlier this year, this program makes the Individual Education Account available to college and university students. This program, now in its first year of operation, is coming to Hopkins in time for the 1995-96 school year.

Hopkins and the Program

"We will be participating in the federal direct loan program starting in July of 1995," says Ellen Frishberg, the Director of Hopkins' Office of Student Financial Services. This move will affect almost half of all Hopkins students and is university wide. In total, undergraduate and graduate students in eight Hopkins divisions will be affected by the move. These include the Homewood Campus-based School of Arts and Sciences and Whiting School of Engineering.

Frishberg says that this program will enable her office to provide better service to Hopkins students. In the past, students had to wade through several layers of bureaucracy to file for a student loan. Before, the student would apply to be eligible. Once his/her eligibility was established, then a separate application was filed for a student loan. Once the loan was approved, a bank had to cut a check that was then sent to Hopkins.

"The process could take anywhere from eight to ten weeks, from the time they started until the time the money got to the student" said Frishberg. The already slow system was comprised further when checks were delayed and paper work was lost.

The new system allows the Office of Student Financial Aid to put the loan on the student's account as soon as that student is approved for the loan. "If something doesn't credit to your account, it's under our control... That gives a real service advantage. We can take a student who has done nothing, and needs a student loan, and within ten days have one in their account," says Frishberg.

A separate advantage for the university of the new program has to do with cashflow. Under the old system, checks were still being issued as late as October for the fall semester. Under the new system, loan monies will arrive much more promptly.

Another advantage of the program that Frishberg sees is the student's ability to consolidate prior loans. "You can consolidate all of your bank loans into this direct loan program and get all kinds of new deferments and payment options."

These options include a route that will allow students to repay loans as a percentage of their earning. A standard, fixed payment plan also remains so borrowers can choose to repay loans over a ten year period. As well, there are other options that allow students to extend the repayment loans over 30 years.

Downsides

Since the program's initiation two years ago as a pilot project, and last year during its first widespread use, very little, if any, negative feedback has been heard from colleges and universities participating. This lack of negative feedback is what made Hopkins decide to join the 1500 schools participating the direct federal loan project for the second year.

The project will require Hopkins to adjust. "Administratively, it's complex. We are bringing a program across eight divisions at the same time. Internally we have some work to do. But for the students, we see no downside," said Frishberg.

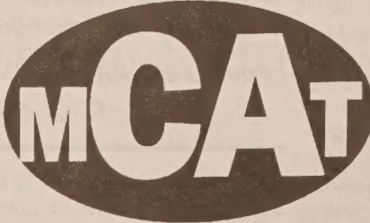
The Office of Student Financial Aid will be sending information to all Hopkins students, those on financial aid and those who are not, about this program. For students on financial aid currently, information will arrive with their applications for renewal that are being sent out next week.

Summing up, Frishberg said the "the nice part is that there is less that you have to do, not more."



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President Clinton addresses an October audience about the new William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program slated for 1995.

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Royal Farms Assailants Apprehended; Linked to Other Neighborhood Thefts

by Mark Binker
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

In recent weeks a number of robberies have occurred on the Homewood campus and in the Charles Village area. While the most disturbing of those cases has been solved, police and Hopkins Security continue to work on others.

Royal Farms

Early in the morning on Friday, November 18, the Royal Farms store on 33rd and Saint Paul Streets was robbed. A cashier was injured in that robbery, when he was shot by one of the suspects. According to Officer Flynn of Johns Hopkins Security, Baltimore City Police have made two arrests in that case.

The Royal Farms robbery was not an isolated incident. The two suspects have also been charged in connection with robberies of two other businesses, including a pharmacy on East 25th Street. Baltimore City Police are continuing their investigation of the two suspects, and may find that they were responsible for other similar crimes.

The victim who was shot in the Royal Farms incident has been released from the hospital and is resting at home.

In the Last Week

Two incidents in the last week have involved "mugging" type crimes. One occurred on campus early Sunday morning. A black male, initially pan-handling turned violent when he was refused. The victim, walking on the road behind Whitehead Hall, was approached by the suspect, who was asking for change.

After being refused, the subject followed the victim then grabbed her arms from behind. The victim threw her wallet on the ground, and escaped to Krieger Hall. The victim was not



File Photo
Campus Security advises students take the shuttle and use escort services when traveling alone at night.

injured in this incident.

Baltimore City Police and Campus Security are working on this crime and are investigating several suspects.

Another robbery off campus involved an assailant who was armed with a switchblade knife. The suspect approached the two victims who were sitting on the steps of 3203 North Charles Street. In this case the assailant made off with both victims' wallets.

Why Now

In comparison to the rest of this semester, the recent robberies create a spike in the crime rate in Charles Village. According to Officer Flynn "Historically, around this time of year, crime does go up," referring to the weeks during the holiday season. He also said that in these two cases the factors necessary for a criminal to commit a crime were present. There was "opportunity and the belief in that opportunity [by the perpetrator]."

Officer Flynn stresses prevention of crime, noting that potential criminals

are "out there, looking for victims." Flynn reminds students to use the escort services, even after hours and even if they are only going three or four blocks. He also says that if students are faced with a mugger, they should surrender what the assailant wants. "It's only property," says Flynn, and not worth any additional personal risk.

This particular time of year yields two advantages to criminals. "This time of year, the days are shorter and you get more darkness," says Flynn. Holiday shoppers also present more targets to potential criminals. There are "a lot of thefts from cars, because people go shopping and leave [their purchases] in plain view," according to Flynn.

"We're working closely with the city, and we're beefing up patrols over in that area the robberies occurred," says Flynn when asked what security was doing in response to the recent crimes. Even with additional patrols, security urges students to be aware of their surroundings and take advantage of the security escort services.

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ROTC Issue Co-Chairs Armstrong and Sharma Speak Before Council

Students Meet with Representatives from Auxiliary Enterprises

by Joseph Grossberg
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Student Council President Jamie Eldridge began Wednesday's meeting by introducing three members of Auxiliary Enterprises, Betty Miller, Jean DeVito, and Paul Tuennerman. The three had come to speak with Council about the much-maligned campus food services. Miller, the Director of Auxiliary Enterprises said that this would be a forum for students to voice "any issues or concerns [students] have."

Jean DeVito then introduced herself, saying "I'm the Assistant Director of Auxiliary Enterprises; I'm basically in charge of contract compliance and dining facilities. We listened to student concerns last year and made the appropriate changes." Ms. DeVito then said, much to the surprise of Council members, "The feedback [on quality of food services] has been mostly positive this year." DeVito also stated that in response to earlier complaints, Auxiliary enterprises

"added items to the menu [of the Snack Bar]" and was currently working on "improving vegetarian services".

Paul Tuennerman, a representative from Wood Company, this year's contracted food service, spoke. Tuennerman said, "[Wood Company and Auxiliary Enterprises] are moving forward. We are taking input [from students] and moving forward in that direction." Mr. Tuennerman then signaled that he and his co-workers would be open for questions.

"Why is it more expensive to buy a meal plan than it is ... for the same number of meals individually?"

—KEN EL-SHERIF

Ken El-Sherif, the Class of '95 President, asked, "Why is it more expensive to buy a meal plan than it is to pay for

the same number of meals individually?" Miller responded by pointing out that "the two prices are unrelated." She continued, "The [individual meal] rate was an arbitrarily determined price; one that would be reasonable for guests and family of students."

Next, Class of '98 Vice-President Paul Nahrain inquired, "Exactly what positive comments [on-campus dining] have you heard? I think I can speak for all the Freshman Class Officers in saying that we have heard quite the opposite." Ms. Miller answered, "The most frequently heard remarks [that have come to our attention] have been ones praising the change in menu and improved [ambiance] of the dining facilities."

Missed Meal Dispute

Joey Crawford, President of the Class of '98, asked, "Why are students [on the meal plan] not credited for missed meals?" Betty Miller replied, "Missed meals are already calculated into the prices [of meal plans]. On average, students on the '19 Meal Plan' eat only 12 or 13 per week, while those on the '14 Meal Plan' eat eight or nine every week. This has already been calculated [and taken into account when meal plan prices are determined]. [Therefore], a rebate is not given for missed meals."

Junior Ted Tobin then asked a question often heard around campus, "Why is the food at Levering Union so much better than that at Terrace Court Cafe or Wolman Station?" Mr. Tuennerman said, "I am surprised to hear that [because] the recipes and supplies are exactly the same [at all three on-campus dining facilities]. Perhaps, the difference is a perceived one, due to the different menus and [better] eating environment at Levering. We are willing to make changes."

Senior President Ken El-Sherif then raised the issue of meal prices once again. El-Sherif stated, "If students, on

average, eat only 12 meals, but pay for the '19 Meal Plan', that comes out to about \$8 per meal! This is an outlandish price. Why then, do students only get half this value to spend at the Snack Bar on [meal equivalency]?" Freshmen Ron Mendelow and Isaac Bronfeld concurred, adding their own concerns to the discussion. Mrs. Miller told Council that she would be willing to go into more depth regarding the price system, and that those students interested should come by her office.

MSE Co-Chairs Named

President Eldridge then thanked the three for their time and asked Council Vice-President and Committee on Committees Chair Asma Poonawala

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—DOUG ARMSTRONG

to speak. Poonawala stated that the Co-Chairs for next year's Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium are Juniors Chris Aldrich and Matt Gross.

Aldrich began by introducing the theme for the 1995 MSE Symposium: "Film and Society," saying that "The influence of film on society today is broad in range." He also noted that 1995 "also marks the 100th anniversary of the art of film." Gross concurred, adding, "I'm totally psyched about this. We're both really enthusiastic about film."

Poonawala explained the nomination, saying, "It was obvious that everyone [who applied] put in a lot of



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The policy concerning ROTC's discrimination towards homosexuals was addressed by co-chairs Rick Sharma.

hard work and research. The reason why we chose Chris and Matt was the fact that they had a good knowledge of their funding and budget. And they obviously have lots of enthusiasm [regarding this project]."

Asked about his ambitious list of possible guest speakers, including directors Steven Spielberg and Spike Lee and Senator Paul Simon, Aldrich replied, "Hopkins is well-supported in Hollywood. Many JHU alumni work in the film industry, and no one has really ever taken advantage of that." Council then took a vote, and the two were unanimously approved.

ROTC Co-Chairs Speak

Then, President Eldridge handed the floor over to ROTC Issue Co-Chair Doug Armstrong. Armstrong immediately voiced his anger, stating, "I am annoyed that I have to defend myself from this Council. I have forwarded an 'opinion of Council' from December 12, 1990. This Council has stated, and I quote, 'This policy [of ROTC discrimination against homosexuals] cannot be tolerated on campus.' I have done nothing outside of what I have been assigned."

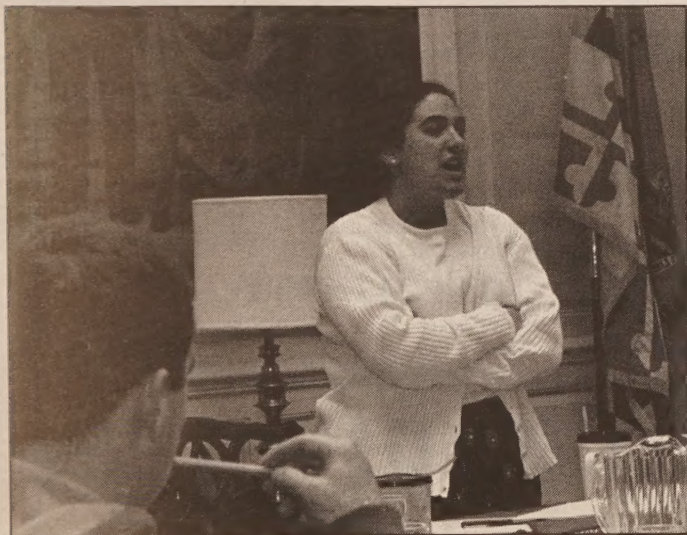
In response to the various complaints that he had changed the survey distributed on campus, biasing it, Armstrong replied, "The surveys were almost completely identical. Yes, I changed the font ... but that was it. It's very easy to just glance at a piece of paper and say, 'Yeah. This has changed.'"

ROTC Issue Co-Chair and ROTC member Rick Sharma defended Armstrong, "Doug is right. This Committee is not neutral. The point of this Committee is to forward Council opinion." Sharma also cleared up the misunderstandings among ROTC and other Hopkins students, "The survey is not a referendum to kick ROTC off campus. There has been a lot of misunderstanding. People think we're trying to throw an organization off campus—that is the perception of many members of ROTC. We are trying to get communication going."

Armstrong also clarified, "The biggest confusion has been about the issue. We are not dealing with Federal policy. [Rather] we are dealing with the immediate problem at hand: ROTC policy conflicts with University policy."

Senior Adam Bergman was hardly convinced. "My biggest problem is with the bias of the survey. Why was only Doug's name signed on the survey?" Rick Sharma answered, "[It was] just a matter of time constraints. I would have signed, but I just didn't have the chance to get over to the office. The survey wasn't completed until late at night. [Although] I didn't physically sign the survey, I fully approved of it."

Some students wanted to continue discussion, but a motion to end the meeting was seconded, and Council had a vote. There was quorum, but President Eldridge cast his tie-breaking vote in favor of ending the meeting, amid some complaint.



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This week Student Council debated the meal plan with representatives from Auxiliary Enterprises and Wood Company.

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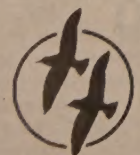
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Gordon, Taylor Speak on ‘The Bell Curve’

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assumptions, Taylor claimed, was the belief that IQ tests measure intelligence accurately. Another claim made in the book, Taylor stated, was that intelligence was determined by genes. According to Taylor, these assumptions, as well as a few others, are false.

In his discussion, Taylor went on to illustrate his claim that intelligence is not an inherited factor, as “The Bell Curve” claims. He explained that the basis for such assumptions rests on conducted experiments of identical twins raised apart. By measuring twins reared apart, and finding similar intelligence scores between them, an understanding of how much of intelligence is inherited can be discovered.

According to Taylor, however, the experiments were not conducted accurately enough to warrant the reliability of the evidence yielded. He claimed that several of the identical twin subjects were not in fact raised as apart as they should have been, but instead might have lived in the same town or next door.

The Other Speakers

The next two panelists to speak were given smaller allotments of time in which to make their comments. The first to speak was Dr. Kohn. His comments, like Taylor’s focused primarily on “The Bell Curve,” and much of what was already said by Taylor, was reiterated by Kohn. According to Kohn, the general factor of intelligence which is the basis of much of the theories upon which “The Bell Curve” rests, does not depict a reality, but only a concept.

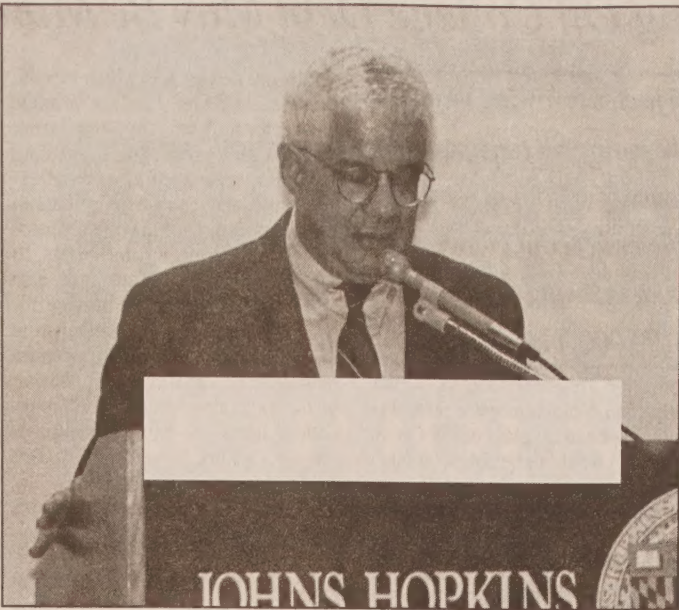
According to Kohn the general factor measures a performance, and can not be used as an accurate assessment of ability because ability and performance are not at all correlated. It is Kohn’s opinion that a genetic approach to intelligence is the only accurate way for it to be assessed. Any other method contains too many other environmental factors.

The last panelist to speak was Dr. Patricia Fernandez-Kelly. According to Fernandez-Kelly, the key fault of “The Bell Curve” assumptions is the claim that IQ tests are non-biased. Fernandez-Kelly expressed her claim

that IQ tests demonstrate more of how much a group has assimilated into society than it does to illustrate any group differences. Fernandez-Kelly explained that “The Bell Curve” hypothesis is probably “backwards,” and that the cause of the dispute might have been mistaken for the effect.

Loss of Decorum

After all the panelists had concluded their discussions, the debate was turned over to the audience. At this point, much control and decorum was lost in Shriver Hall. Many of the questions posed to Dr. Gordon were not questions particularly relevant to the discussion at hand, but rather were merely insults or personal attacks that did little to advance the discussion. However, some of the questions brought up at the end of the debate were quite good and focused on an attempt to achieve a better understanding of all the theories discussed and possible causes of their discrepancies.



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Several viewpoints on the issue of intelligence were aired at the forum by Hopkins professors and students.

Amnesty International Brings Mahnaz Afkhami to Johns Hopkins

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Victor Lin/The Johns Hopkins News-Letter
Afkhami discussed the suppression of equal rights for women.

wanted to be. Uneasy, the girl wanted to know why she was not asked the same question. The aunt had assumed that the girl’s role was to be solely a mother.

Limitations on Women

A more extreme case involved a Chinese woman who was featured in the book as an example of how women were limited physically as well. Her feet were bound in order to preserve the shape of a three inch lotus foot. Afkhami comments, “Women were held as just a matter of beauty. By binding their feet women were forced to be inactive and thus they were not even physically free.”

The extent to which women were limited was further illustrated by Afkhami when she discussed a woman in Sudan. “Women were not even allowed to feel pleasure. A woman was circumcised to limit her sexuality.”

Afkhami continued by relating the tremendous hardship endured when leaving one’s country. “Aside from the emotional attachment towards one’s

native land, there is also the strain one has to go through to become established in a new land.”

She also spoke about the change one undergoes, “It starts with your name when nobody can pronounce it. Then you begin to do things that are not natural and feel that that you are becoming separate from yourself. You start to learn gestures and different sayings and then one day you look in the mirror and exclaim ‘Who is this person!’”

Afkhami emphasized that anybody who has not been exiled can not possibly fathom how painful it is. She explained, “Even after one who is exiled establishes herself, one can not simply be content with her kids, family, and work like her American friends. She starts to reminisce about her childhood home and the comfort she feels when thinking about her father being buried there.”

She commented about an experience she had when flying to Argentina. “There was a Argentinian on the plane who felt like crying and wanted to kiss the ground. Nobody could possibly understand the affection he held towards his native country.”

Question and Answer

As Afkhami concluded her speech she was prepared to field questions. A gentleman asked her to elaborate on the Iranian backlash towards the feminist movement.

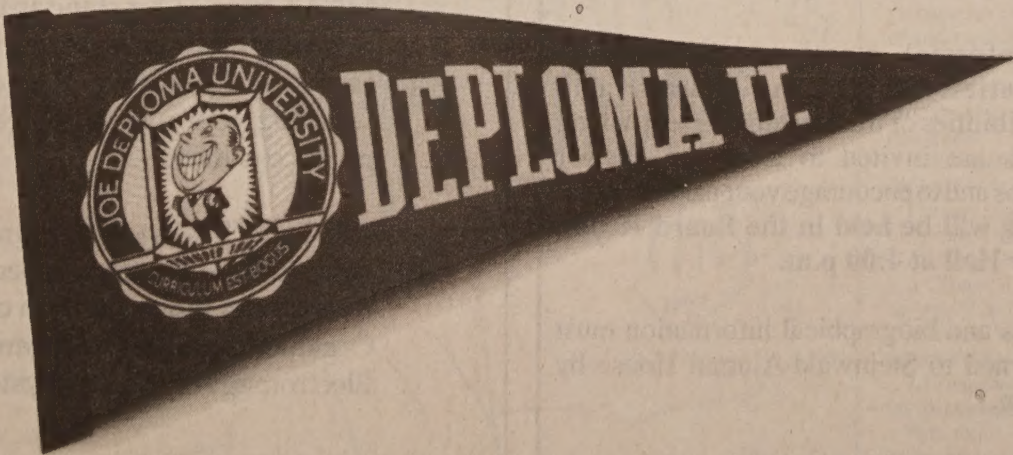
She answered by explaining that the change in women were perceived as Western. To embrace the changing attitudes towards women would be breaking with tradition.

The next question asked was how her and her colleagues felt about women who were objectified in American culture and the violence that many encounter.

She responded, “There is no good place for women. Some places are easier, some are harder. It is extraordinary that with the level of education in this country that women are still in strait jackets.”

The underlying message of the speech was the suppression of equal rights for women even in this day and age. In response to this pressing problem she boldly recited a line of a poem written by one of the book’s twelve women. “If you cut off my voice, I shall grow two voices.”

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Tuition Costs Rise, Students Find It Hard to Finance Educations

Undergraduates Discover that Paying Off College Debt May Be More Challenging than Academics

by **Judy Braginsky**
College Press Service

The \$25,000 that University of California-Davis senior Corrine Walters figure she'll owe after earning a master's degree in plant biology scares her. She says she has no clue how she'll pay it all back and that school debt could eat up a quarter of the income she might expect from an entry-level laboratory job in biology.

Hillary Wicai, newly graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, landed her dream job as a TV reporter with WLFI in West Lafayette, Ind., but can't afford the clothes to look professional on the air. Wicai struggles with a \$21,000 debt from the year at Northwestern that helped her land the job. "Every single thing I wear to work was given to me by my mother and grandmother who shopped for bargains," she says.

Despite their collective college sticker shock, Walters and Wicai plight is not an uncommon one. The American Council on Education forecasts a student at a public university will spend \$9,876 this year (up 5.8 percent from last year) on tuition, fees, room and board and supplies. At private universities, costs are projected to rise by 5.6 percent to an average of \$23,700. In fact, borrowing to pay the entire bill for four years of school at a private university could leave a student owing almost \$100,000, plus interest.

Education experts warn that sizeable student debt could have ugly social and economic side effects. They fear students may avoid teaching, social work and graduate school because they don't believe they will be able to pay off their loans.

With college costs doubling over the past decade and increasing at roughly twice the rate of overall inflation, the Census Bureau reports that more than half of the 20.6 million students enrolled in colleges or vocational and technical schools obtained financial help from at least one source. Borrowing in the Federal Family Education Loans Program increased by more than 40 percent in the 1993-94 school year alone, says Donald Stewart of the College Board.

"For many students, finding a way to finance their education may be as much of a challenge as the academic training they'll have to master," wrote Census researchers Rebecca Sutterlin and Robert Kominski in a report released in October. Loans were the source of the largest amount of aid, averaging \$3,155 for just more than 3 million students borrowing to attend class. Other sources of aid included Federal Pell Grants (averaging \$1,375 for 14 percent of students), fellowships and scholarships (averaging \$2,467 for 12 percent), college work study (averaging \$1,560 for 4 percent) and the GI Bill or other programs (averaging \$2,503 for 2 percent).

Assistance from employers was the most popular source of income for students (\$3.6 million or 18 percent) but averaged just \$979 per student, the report found.

The Census Report also revealed men averaged \$2,953 in assistance compared to \$2,891 for women. Men also received more in terms of scholarships, averaging \$2,971 compared to \$2,068 for women. African-American students, meanwhile, had the highest proportion of students getting some sort of financial help (58 percent and averaging \$2,527). Fifty percent of white students obtained aid averaging \$2,927.

Despite the burgeoning need, federal loan programs have remained flat in recent years, with students receiving less in Federal Pell Grants and other aid.

As millions of students face whopping college costs, and another 12.5 million struggle to pay off a collective \$41.9 billion worth of college debt, one 16-year-old Illinois high school sophomore sought, and received, the

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notice of President Clinton. Arthur Orkisz, an A-plus honor student ranked number one in his class in Elk Grove, feared he wouldn't be able to attend a high-priced university such as Harvard or Stanford. In letter given to Clinton in October, he urged the president to find a way to allow students with good grades to attend the colleges of their choice. The reason, he wrote, is that his father, a machinist, and his mother, a maintenance worker, can't afford the tuition.

"The cost of college is a pretty pervasive concern among high school students," says Orkisz's English teacher Mary Johannesen. She had assigned her 90 students to write letters to the president on any topic. She then delivered the letters to the White House when attending the 30th reunion of the president's Hot Springs, Ark., high school class because her mother was his classmate.

Twenty-five percent of her students wrote of college tuition fears. "Sophomores are pretty concerned," she says. "The seniors have pretty much given up. They figure since they can't afford the colleges of their choice, they won't even apply. A common attitude is 'I'll wait and work awhile and see what happens.' It's pretty depressing."

Clinton quoted a paragraph from Orkisz's letter at a press conference and cited his efforts to improve the educational loan system so far, including a student loan program enacted by Congress in 1993 that has helped more than 330,000 students. The program extends college loans to students and gives students more options on paying back their loans. In addition to paying a fixed-dollar amount over ten years, now students also have the option of earning loan repayment money with a community service job or can choose

to kick in a percentage of their income over the loan's life. "I feel we've made it easier for students... by reorganizing the student loan program, enabling students to repay their loans on a flexible basis and choose jobs without undue concern for repayment schedules," Clinton wrote back to Johannesen's class. "Students are also able to exchange public service for educational funding by participating in Americorps." (The latter program pays up to \$4,725 a year for up to two years for college tuition, or repays college loans—in return for community service work. By year's end, 20,000 paid volunteers will participate.)

Still, Clinton's student loan reforms do not receive high praise from everyone. Laura McClintock, legislative director for the United States Student Association, says she'd give the Clinton Administration a C-plus for its efforts.

For example, a new repayment option approved July 1 allows low and middle-income students who borrowed loans directly from the government to reduce their monthly loan repayments by extending the amount of time in which they can repay loans.

Under Clinton's new program of income-contingent loans, some students could have their monthly loan payments spread out over a much longer period and cut their monthly payments by half.

In the past, no matter how much students earned after graduation, they repaid their government-backed loans on a standard ten-year plan. Under Clinton's new program of income-contingent loans, some students could have their monthly loan payments spread out over a much longer period and cut their monthly payments by half. This should reduce the number of graduates who abandon their school

loans, say Clinton administration officials, which in turn should save the government hundreds and thousands in bad debt annually.

However, McClintock and some college officials were alarmed at some of the plan's details arguing that monthly loan payments are dropped so low it could actually hurt students because many will be lured into paying school loans for as long as 25 years. McClintock says those extra years of compounding interest will mean students could wind up doubling or tripling college costs. "Once students are given the option of low monthly payments, many will grab it," she says.

Terry Hartle, vice president for government relations at the American Council on Education, agrees. He supported a successful infight by leading college organizations to have the U.S. Department of Education increase the annual repayment rate from what was originally a lower formula.

Still, there are several key issues that college organizations hope to work out with the government, including limiting the tax liability borrowers may face. Under income contingent repayment, borrowers who faithfully pay on their loans for 25 years and still owe some amount would have the rest of their debt forgiven but would have to claim this amount as income.

In addition to the new repayment options, students still have the current ten-year repayment option and can pay for their loans at any time. They can even switch in and out of the array of five-loan repayment options currently available.

As for a Clinton proposal to have the IRS collect student loans, proponents say repayment could be made easier if borrowers paid off their loans through withholdings from their paychecks. McClintock and others feels the IRS customer service record gives ample reason to reject the plan.

McClintock also says that despite the creation of direct lending, an income contingent repayment option and Americorps, students are still finding that tuition rates are on the rise while the amount of loan dollars available has been lagging.

Federal appropriations for education have shamefully decreased in the

last few years, she says. "There's a huge disparity with the amount of aid available," says McClintock.

Education experts warn that sizeable student debt could have ugly social and economic side effects. They fear students may avoid teaching, social work and graduate school because they don't believe they will be able to pay off their loans. Educational researchers Joseph Boyd and Carol Wennerdahl questioned 551 recent, debt-laden college graduates and discovered six in ten said they had troubles paying back their student loans. More than 25 percent said their debt has caused them to live with family or relatives and 35 students said their debt caused them to postpone needed health care.

Palo Alto, Calif., economist Richard Carlson, who helped set up the first federally guaranteed loan program 25 years ago, agrees that the degree of student debt today will change the pattern of choices of majors and occupations, despite Clinton's optimism. "And how are banks going to handle graduates already with big debts buying cars and houses?" he adds.

It's all enough to have led Dan LeBeau, a senior at University of Wisconsin at Stephen's Point, to shoulder a wooden coffin for the second mock funeral he's led through college campuses in two years to protest climbing education costs. LeBeau pointed out that University of Wisconsin system students now pay around 33 percent of their tuition, which is way above the rate of inflation."

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DATES TO REMEMBER ...for electing a Young Trustee

January 1995

January 23 - February 8, 1995

Petitions and biographical information forms will be available at Steinwald Alumni House, 3211 North Charles Street.

February 2, 1995

An information meeting for candidates and prospective candidates will be held for the benefit of all members of the junior and senior class.

This informal meeting will provide information about the duties and responsibilities of trusteeship. Present Young Trustees are invited to attend to answer questions and to encourage your participation. **Meeting will be held in the Board Room, Shriver Hall at 4:00 p.m.**

February 10, 1995

Petitions and biographical information must be returned to Steinwald Alumni House by 5:00 p.m.

March 7, 1995 (Primary Election) Ballots will be available at the polls.

March 14, 1995 (General Election) Ballots will be available at the polls.

PLEASE PLACE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

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If further information is needed, please call Patricia Bright at 516-8132.

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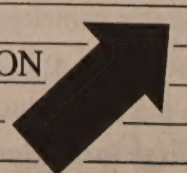
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So You Want to Go to Business School?

STUDENT ACCESS GUIDE TO THE BEST BUSINESS SCHOOLS: 1995 EDITION
by Nedda Gilbert
265 pages
New York
The Princeton Review
Paperback, \$20.00

by Milla Tonkonogy
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

"I am great and so is my school." Sound familiar? Probably does, although this person doesn't go to Hopkins but to business school. He was one of the many students interviewed in a poll by the Princeton Review for the 1995 edition of "The Best Business Schools," a comprehensive book outlining the top 70 schools in the nation. Included in this book are the usual admissions statistics for each school, including average undergraduate GPA and GMAT scores of all applicants.

Notably missing however are admissions "grids," tables which provide a breakdown of the number of applicants versus the number accepted based on GPA and occasionally GMAT scores.

The book uses charts and grids extensively to rate faculty, overall student happiness, and academic satisfaction at each institution.

An obscure "equal treatment graph" is also provided for each school, ostensibly to measure the opinion of women and minorities about the treatment which they receive from their institutions and their white male counterparts.

The quality of academics, placement and recruiting, and student life is summarized rather sparsely for each school.

This informational portion of the book is comparable to that of other business school books, although "The

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12,500 STUDENTS RATE THEIR SCHOOLS ON FACULTY, WORKLOAD, CLASS SIZE, AND SOCIAL LIFE

Nedda Gilbert and the Staff of The Princeton Review

Confused about business schools? Here's where to look.

Best Business Schools" provides a unique "Hits and Misses" category in which students collectively rate the most positive and negative qualities of their institutions.

The best portion of this book however, is the admissions advice given in the first seven chapters.

Author Nedda Gilbert includes an informative section consisting of interviews with several admissions officers at top business schools.

Although many books provide comparable sections, the profiles and interviews published in the "The Best Business Schools" are actually useful to the average applicant because they focus on less evident characteristics that admissions officers seek in applicants rather than relatively useless catchphrases such as "good grades" or "high GMATs".

Actual business school applicants are also profiled and then rated by several admissions officers. Again, this section is surprisingly valuable in the detail with which the applicants are described and the specific reasons given

for their acceptance or rejection by their respective admissions committees.

A rather lengthy section of "essays that worked" provides a broad sample of acceptable writing styles and topics.

A separate section provides information about the usefulness of the MBA and life after business school. By far the driest part of the book, this section is probably not essential to most applicants worried about getting into business school rather than getting into the workforce.

The only other real drawback of the book is its lack of job placement and salary statistics; two criteria which tend to be extremely important to the average business school applicant.

Although "The Best Business Schools" lacks an in-depth review of the institutions that it profiles, it is a fantastic reference guide for anybody just beginning the search for a business school and provides an excellent overview of the admissions process for the student who has already made the decision to apply.

Paying for Law School with Service

by Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

The New York University School of Law recently announced that it will pay tuition and fees for students who agree to take low-paying legal jobs in the public sector after graduation.

And while tuition-for-public-service programs already exist at some law schools, the NYU proposal picks up all costs of a law degree, up to \$60,000, in exchange for 10 years of public service.

"Students have a real opportunity to pursue the career of their choice," said John Sexton, dean of the law school. "We're giving them a chance to do what they feel they are called to do, without fear of going into debt."

NYU's tuition and fee waiver is based on the amount of years the student spends in a public service occupation. The school will pick up a student's educational costs at a rate of 10 percent for each year the student works in the public service sector.

For example, if a graduate works as an attorney for inner-city clients for three years, the school will pay 30 percent of all costs. If the graduate works six years, the school picks up 60 percent of the costs.

"If the student spends ten years on the job, we'll pay for the full cost of education," said Steve Brown, NYU's director of financial aid. "We want to offer the opportunity to become attorneys to those students who have a commitment to public service."

The NYU Root-Tilden-Snow Program will award 22 scholarships to students entering the school in 1995. The students will be selected on their academic background and their commitment to public service.

The free tuition program is made possible by a grant which is funding a study on how to encourage public service from students. Currently, about 15 percent of NYU's law school graduates go into public service. School officials are hoping that the new plan will allow more students to enter lower-

paying fields.

According to the American Bar Association, some law school graduates enter the working world saddled with \$100,000 in loans. Considering most legal public service jobs pay from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per year, graduates tend to avoid those jobs and opt for legal work with larger firms.

But according to John Tracey, a Detroit attorney who took a job with an inner-city social agency after he graduated, the experience that comes with public service is well worth the difference in money.

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—STEVE BROWN, NYU'S DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

"I wanted to get in the courtroom right away, so I thought I'd give this a shot," Tracey said. "I was supposed to work with landlords and tenants about complaints, but by the third week, I was doing everything. It was a great experience."

Hector Vargas, coordinator for the National Association for Public Interest Law, said that more students are looking to public service, thanks to incentive programs from the various schools.

"After the American Bar Association asked law schools to offer more incentives for their graduates to take low-paying jobs, a lot of schools began to form their own programs," said Vargas. "Eligibility can be based on a number of things, but students who want to work for an agency in an inner city or rural area can usually find a program that will help them fund their degree."

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE: THE AMOS TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

STUDENT LIFE/CAMPUS

Tuckies, as they like to call themselves, gave their school the highest quality of life ratings. Whether they were married with children or single, in their mid-thirties or a few years out of college, dozens of students wrote, "I LOVE TUCK!" In fact, the survey results suggest a veritable lovefest! Tuckies are extremely happy. Many raved, "Best two years of my life" and "I've made friends that will last a lifetime." Almost all first-year students live in Tuck dorms, making it a very cozy, residential experience. (Married students and their spouses can live in Sachem Village.) But because the school is so small, students can get "overexposed" or quickly develop a "reputation." One Tuckie warns, "Tuck is too involved a place if you're simply looking to get your MBA stamp."

Many describe the campus as "beautiful" and the rural, outdoorsy setting as "perfect." Tuck is located in the quaint town of Hanover, right next to the Connecticut River. Vermont, and the Appalachian Trail, so students have access to many outdoor activities. Write one enthusiast, "There's skiing, cross-country, canoeing, hiking and biking!" Added the school, "Most students look forward to winter; the biggest sports here are ice hockey and skiing." Skiing is available at Killington, Stowe, and Dartmouth's Skiway. And each year Tuck hosts Winter Carnival, an invitational slalom race, complete with serious après-ski partying. Tuckies also enjoy an active social life in which spouses/partners are merrily included. "Partying, dancing, and late nights" are common. So are intramural sporting events, talent nights and student club activities. But Tuck is also family oriented; the campus is crawling with babies and puppies. Declared one student dramatically, "Tuck is a true American MBA experience." But they agree there is not a diverse community; a meager eight percent are minority. About seventy-six students are foreign. A final note: Whereas most alumni fund agents at most schools are happy to achieve twenty percent participation in annual giving from recent grads, Tuck alumni have an astounding ninety percent participation rate, proving that this tight-knit group stays that way long after their school days.

STUDENTS' OVERVIEW BOX

Overall Happiness

Academic Satisfaction

FACULTY RATING

HITS AND MISSES

HITS: Marketing Faculty Student community Classroom one-on-one

MISSES: Finance dept. Ethnic & racial diversity Gym

APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT

Stanford U. U Pennsylvania Harvard

This page is just one example of the information in this book.

Erogenous Zone

Ten Points of Light (More or Less) Shine from Student Council

by Jeremy Hancock

I'm sure that pretty much everyone on campus (actually, probably everyone in the city of Baltimore) has seen those damn lists. Big letters at the top: THE TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENT COUNCIL: 1994. Student Council, apparently feeling that they were being ignored, decided to tell every single person remotely connected with Hopkins how important Council was and all the cool things it was doing.

They chose to do this by making about ten million copies of this list (with your tuition money) and, blatantly ignoring S.A.C. poster policy (remember, the S.A.C. is, technically, an independent committee under Council, which means essentially that they are violating their guidelines they impose on everyone else), covering every single flat surface on campus with them. It's even worse than the AllNighters winter concert posters, because at least people care about the AllNighters, unlike Student Council.

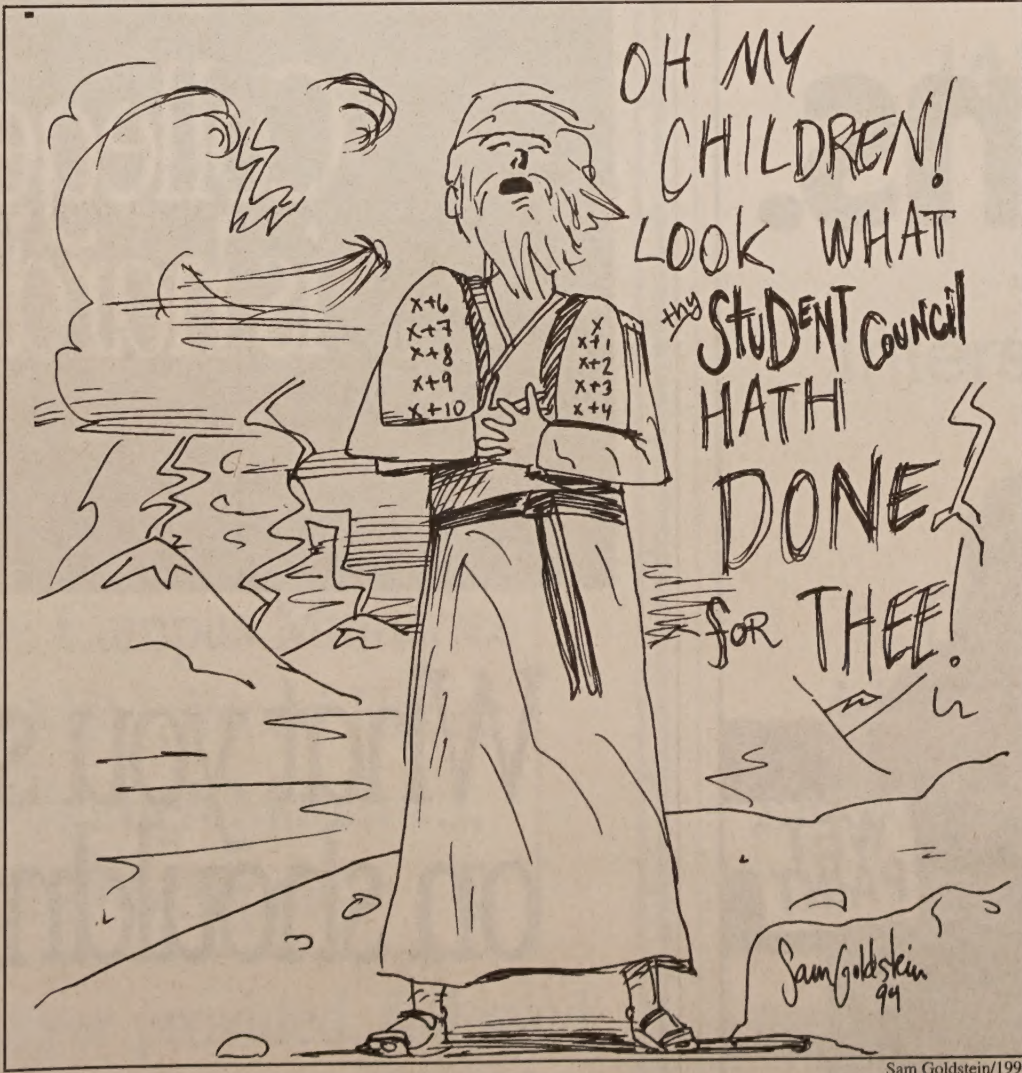
Anyway, everyone that I have talked to, including some members of Student Council and/or its committees, are sick to death of seeing these things, if only because they are so omnipresent. I'm annoyed because most of the stuff on the list is either horribly pathetic or basically a joke.

Having served as a non-voting committee chair on Student Council last year, and being a generally well-informed student, I have some clue as to what all this stuff is, so I'm going to go over it, point by point, and (given that my departure from Council was not a happy one) in all likelihood rip every bit to shreds.

1. Opening of the Security Access Card System in Wolman & McCoy.

From what I can tell, pretty much means that anyone with an access card can get onto any floor in Wolman and McCoy during certain hours of the day. It's an attempt to make the buildings more communitarian, like the AMRs, than they actually are. However, it wasn't a major problem to begin with.

Generally, the only time one would want to get on a floor is to visit someone, and there are nice access phones downstairs in each building and an



other one on every floor. The new policy, basically, saves residents from the tedium of having to walk the 20 feet from their suite to the elevator to let someone in.

2. Condom Vending Machines in Wolman & McCoy.

Student Council, apparently worried that some poor underclassmen would be caught in a passionate moment without the means to protect themselves and would either be forced to go without, and risk pregnancy or disease, or... not have sex. Horrors!

Again, a completely unnecessary action. Every single person that I know that currently has a sex life has made birth control arrangements with whoever it is they are being intimate with. Even those friends (of both genders) who aren't currently in a physical relationship (but would like to be) keep a few condoms on hand just in case their luck changes at short notice.

The only people Student Council is helping are those who have no foresight whatsoever (which, this being a fairly prestigious school, there should be few of) and who don't mind using Jimmy-Boy Extra Lubricated Condoms with Raised Ridges for Maximum Stimulation.

3. Free Anonymous A.I.D.S. Testing at the Health Center.

This is probably the only thing on the list that is actually useful and important. Like it or not, we are the age group most likely to get A.I.D.S., and it is nice to be able to get tested on campus without it having to go on one's medical record (which can, apparently, create insurance problems). I do congratulate Student Council on getting this done.

4. On-Campus Mailboxes in Wolman, Levering Union, & Outdoors.

I don't have the foggiest idea what

this is. I think it refers to places where you can put items that need to go to others through campus mail.

In the three and a half years that I have been a student here, I have had to put a total of maybe five items through campus mail, and I know that there's a slot for them in Gilman. I don't think this is a major problem in the lives of the average, or even any, Hopkins student.

5. Agreement by the University to hire full-time job recruiter for Career Services by Second Semester.

If job recruiters are avoiding one of the top 25 universities in the nation, it probably isn't because of a low caliber of students or because there isn't someone there to tell them to come. It's because 2/3 of the graduates go straight on to grad school, and thus aren't in the hiring pool.

6. Successful Halloween Program for local kids and parents.

I'm very happy that the kids enjoyed the program so much. But two points: (1) A kid is a baby goat; and, (2) why is it Council's place to be doing this anyway? Last I checked, it's Student Council, not Student and Local Community People Council.

7. Computerized Voting instituted for all student elections.

First, this is not true. Computerized voting was instituted for all Student Council elections. In their arrogance, they ignore the fact that these are only one out of several dozen different student elections. There are student group elections, S.A.C. elections, and probably several other types.

Besides that, the lack of computerization created problems for no one besides the Board of Elections, a Council committee (I used to head this committee, so I know what I'm talking about).

I'm glad they managed to get this together. It's something I never managed to do when I headed the Board, but the fact is that it's a purely internal matter, and they're just bragging about the fact that they found a way to save themselves time doing something. It's comparable to Chrysler making a big deal over the fact that they found a way to weld door hinges in half the time it used to take.

8. Disorientation '94.

I vaguely remember having received information about this in the mail sometime over the summer, but I can't for the life of me remember what it was. I know that it was something for seniors, and that I didn't attend any of the activities (for the very sensible reason that none of them interested me, or for that matter could have been useful or fun), but other than that I simply don't recall anything.

It's quite possible that it was successful and enjoyable for those who participated, but having avoided doing so, I'm not really in a position to criticize it.

9. New Dormstorming policy.

What new dormstorming policy? Why is this the first I've heard of it? Would you mind telling us what exactly you are talking about?

10. Freshman Facebook published.

As I recall, every frosh was required to pay \$15 for a small pamphlet that shows pictures of the half of the freshman class that bothered to send in pictures and tells them who is interested in badminton.

It might also have included phone numbers and addresses (which, of course, could be obtained by simply opening the *Compendium*). I don't remember the format, because upperclassmen were not allowed to buy a copy. Basically, the thing is a joke.

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OK, that's your simple explanation of what Student Council has done for YOU. You should be so repentant for not fully appreciating them before. However, I don't think they would want you to make a big deal over it; all they really want, and this is out of the goodness of their hearts, is for you to stop laughing at them when they tell you that they are ON Student Council. Or at least stop spitting on them.

Features

Vietisms

Don't Kill Yourself Over This Sad Holiday Season

by Viet Dinh

On spirits:

It's that time of year again. It gets to be that time of year every year, especially when time goes and puts us back in that time of year. Confused? Well, it's that time of year. Again.

The lag period between Thanksgiving and the rest of the holiday season. The time for people to feel tired and depressed. There's the common myth that the greatest number of suicides occur during the holiday season. I can understand about being a little disheartened, but suicide is a little drastic, don't you think?

I recall one story about a woman who wanted to overdose on sleeping pills, fall sleep under the tree, and let her family discover her body in the morning. Although no one deserves to die, she comes very close. Anyone who considers their own happiness before that of those they love, or those they profess to love—well, they aren't really living or loving in the first place, are they?

Ignoring the fact that her children would probably grow up to be psychotics, the kind that go around and shoot rent-a-Santas, there's the problem of how she was going to present her body. Would she put a bow on her forehead? Have an electric train run around her corpse? And I'll be damned before I let someone empty their bladder on my presents. The tree is already dead. Watering it with ammonia



Sam Goldstein/1994

wouldn't help it now.

If you are considering suicide this season, have a couple glasses of eggnog, rum-heavy, first. Shake your presents, let sugarplums dance in your head, have a yuletide fire. Sleep on it. Listen for the sleigh bells and pitter-patter of hooved feet on your rooftiles. Catch the falling snow.

So what is so dejecting about the holiday season? Is it the weather? Gray skies, wind, decay on the ground and in the air. Winter is, after all, the season of

death. Depressing? Only if you let it get to you.

Lucky how we've been blessed with holiday cheer. It's ironic that no one feels cheerful. College students number among the blue-mood masses. Impending finals, returning home to the family, no time for shopping, being away from friends.

Maybe it's Baltimore. The city is suspiciously lacking in Christmas spirit. No overt displays of holly wreaths or tinsel lining the street lamps. Very few houses have set up decorations. And I'm not talking about a gaudy show of plastic Santa Claus or bulbs of all colors drowning out the night, blinking, flashing, look at me! No one but young children have enough drive and energy to bother to say, "Look at all the spirit I have!"

Children are the torchbearers of Christmas spirit. Why should we leave it up to them? Maybe their innocence, their not caring and not knowing what the world is really like. Every one grows up and remembers when they

were children. Reliving past happinesses. "I was ten when I didn't get a ten-speed bicycle, and you know what? It's not the getting. It's the giving. Now throw out the trash."

It would make things much easier if, instead of wrapping presents with ornate gold-foil lamination or burgundy felt ribbons or self-stick labels, we put our presents in paper bags, magic marker a name on them, and staple them closed. Hey, it serves its purpose. Would save on trash. What's the need of a fancy exhibition for something that's going to get ripped open in the first place? What ever happened to simplicity? Do you think the three wise men bothered with gift wrap? Myrrh in a paper bag is as good as myrrh in a box.

It's quite something to drive late at night by a tree strung up with one string of lights of one color. The lights lend an eerie quality to the branches, the glow hinting at the crooked and gnarled wood hiding behind the needles. The leaves cast an aura when caught by the luster—imagine cobalt points floating in the distant dark, stretching, a spectral anemone, sweeping the air for plankton.

Little be it for me to be facetious and say, "Merry Christmas." Have your damn cheer. It's too easy to be cynical and caustic. What is it about the holidays? Not even the holidays themselves. The time before then. The month of chill and frost.

We are surrounded by frigid people

HKSA Fosters Culture

by Erin Austin

The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

The voices of each culture together define the voice of a generation. The addition of different cultural voices to the community strengthens the voice of our generation. Within the past year, the Hopkins Inter Asian Committee has served as a conduit for the arrival of another voice, the Hong Kong Students Association.

The Hong Kong Students Association shares the principle goal of the IAC in its attempt to increase general awareness of various cultures. Ivy Wong, who is in charge of public relations for the HKSA, describes how the HKSA serves also to "enrich the already existing groups in the IAC."

Particularly, the HKSA makes a unique contribution to the IAC by representing a place that is currently a British Colony. The HKSA allows Hopkins to see the influences of a western and eastern culture upon each other when they come in direct contact. The association attempts to increase the positives arising from the blending of cultures on campus. Furthermore, the HKSA will pro-

vide an otherwise absent view to a unique situation. Hong Kong loses its status as a British colony to become part of China in 1997.

Consequently, the HKSA may help Hopkins students to witness a dramatic change in an already unique culture. For example, the association could offer Hopkins a view into the effects of people changed abruptly from being part of a democratic nation to that of a communist one.

On campus, the organization sponsors events to introduce students to their organization. Noteworthy among these was the HKSA's Karaoke Night, featuring Cantonese, Mandarin, and English songs. Also, the organization co-sponsored Jackie Chan's "Police Story 3" with the foreign film club.

The HKSA, headed by president Lung Yam, meets about four times per semester, welcoming anyone to come. At these meetings one may join the association.

However, the HKSA will soon have a box with the other organizations in the IAC where other students interested in the group may contact the HKSA. Contact can also be made directly by calling Ivy Wong at 243-3548.

every day of our lives. Those who don't care a whit about other people. The selfish ones. Christmas spirit, a term that's used loosely and freely. It gets dampened. We see these people, meet them, talk to them, and sometimes end up projecting their emptiness onto everything else.

So what to do? Deconstruction. Get rid of the world. Dig to the bottom of the tinsel. This Christmas, leave the people behind. Leave the shopping, the crowds, rude cashiers, getting shoved. The malls, the traffic, the bored ho-ho-ho. The cards, the candy canes, the bells. The dreidel, the menorah, the candles. The holly berries, the mistletoe, the trees, the stars, the glass balls. The angels, the shepherds, the manger, the creché, all of it. Leave it all behind.

Concentrate on the one thing that's left. The love. Love that comes without anger, pity, remorse, explanation, or score. Unrestricted by religion, guilt, or pain. The love you have for yourself and the love you have for others.

So before this becomes a lengthy discourse on the nature and meaning of

love, cherish it. It gets you through many a cold night when you think you're alone.

It all returns. The lights are brighter, although still a bit tacky. Kicking elves no longer interests you. You hum carols. Shopping becomes an adventure in its own right. The tree needs a little sprucing up, and doesn't it smell real? We can replant it after the holidays instead of just throwing it out. The fireplace is warmer, cozier, inviting you to lie down and snuggle close. The cookies taste so much better, sweet and crunchy, and just in case, there's a plate on the mantelpiece with a glass of milk and a note.

The Christmas spirit is love. For what it's worth, happy holidays.

non-sequitur Hey, you, don't forget that January is the beginning of a new year. An old story, but a new chapter. Time to leave things behind and move on towards forever. Some promises are easy to keep.

the very last non-sequitur of the year Three words: warm, fuzzy, squishy. One word: joy.

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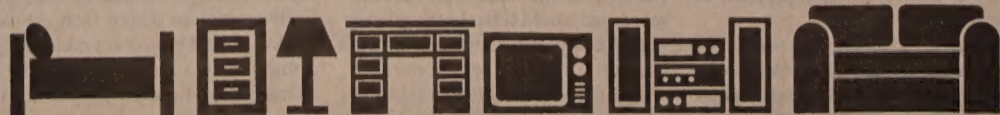
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ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

What does 1995 have in store for the "Rammers?" Close your eyes. Give me your hand. Darling. Do you hear my heart beating? Do you understand? Do you feel the same? Am I only dreaming? Or is this burning an eternal flame? You say you've heard those lines somewhere before? Well blame it on the train but the boss is already there. And while you're at it, think about this bit of philosophy. If you want to find all the cops, they're hanging out in the doughnut shop.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Life is a mystery. Everyone must stand alone. I hear you call my name and it feels like home. Congratulations. This astrologist sees greatness for Taurus in 1995. In fact, take a holiday, take some time to celebrate. It's been a tough year. I was beat, incomplete. I'd been had. I was sad and blue. But you made me feel shiny and new. Beauty's where you find it—not just where you bump and grind it. Wish on a true blue lucky star but be careful not to keep pushing me over the borderline. Happiness lies in your own hand. That's my baby's secret. Take a bow, the show is over, say goodbye.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Wise man say only fools rush in.... Keep that in mind for 1995, or you may wind up all shook up. Remember that hotel down on the end of lonely street? Is that where your baby left you? Are you lonesome tonight? Are you caught in a trap? Do you still have suspicious minds? You're obviously suffering from burning love. You must do something. It's now or never. Don't be cruel to hound dogs.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Once I had a love and it was a gas.

It soon turned out to be a pain in the ass. Every girl wants you to be her man. But I'll wait my dear till it's my turn. I'm not the kind of girl who gives up just like that. Oh no. It's not the things you do that tease and hurt me bad. But it's the way you do the things you do to me. One way or another, call me. Call me any time. I'm going to find you. I'm going to get you, get you. The man from Mars is eating cars. He eats Cadillacs, Lincolns too, Mercurys and Subarus. Forecast for 1995: The tide is high, you'll hold on.

LEO
(July 23-August 22)

Your 1995 horoscope comes directly from the church of the poisoned mind. Think karma. No, don't be a chameleon, but remember this: Loving would be easy if your colors were like my dream. Red, gold and green. Time makes the lovers feel like they've got something real, but you and me you know you've got nothing but time. Do you really want to hurt me? Do you really want to make me cry? No, but war is stupid. And in our world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy. Throw your arms around the world and let's hear it for the boy. Finally remember, when it comes right down to it, I'll tumble for you.

VIRGO
(August 23-September 22)

There comes a time when you heed a certain call and the world must come together as one. There are people dying, oh and it's time to lend a hand to life, the greatest gift of all. As God has shown us by turning stones to bread that soon we all must lend a helping hand. There's a choice we're making. We're saving our own lives. It's true we make a better day, just you and me. Just realize that a change can only come when we stand together as one. Heal the world. Make it a better place for you and for me and the entire human race. There are people dying and if you care enough for the living, make a better place for you and for me.



John Oates? Say it isn't so! See Libra...

LIBRA
(September 23-October 22)

Say it isn't so easy to tell me that you're dissatisfied. Last time I asked you, I really got a lame excuse...But I can't go for that, no you can't escape my private eyes. You think maybe I need help, but I know that I'm right, so right...that one on one your kiss is on my list of the best things in life, although you never close your eyes anymore when I kiss your lips. Oh! Oh...here she comes- she's a man-eater. But whatever you do, don't stay out of touch.

SCORPIO
(October 23-November 21)

I get so emotional baby, every time I think of you. Cause tonight is the night for feeling all right. We'll be making love the whole night through. I will always love you and save all my love for you. You're all the man I need. I'm going to run to you. I have nothing if I don't have you. Hold me in your arms tonight. I want to dance with somebody who loves me. I believe that children are our future. Teach them

well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them a sense of pride to make it easier. Let the children's laughter remind us how they used to be. I decided long ago never to walk in anyone's shadow. If I fail, if I succeed—at least I'll live as I believe. No matter what they take from me, they can't take away my dignity. How will I know? Ask your favorite bodyguard.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 22-December 21)

I see your true colors shining through. Sometimes I picture you and you're walking so far ahead. Then you said, "Go slow." I fall behind. Time after time. If you remember nothing else in 1995, remember this: Girls just want to have fun. That's all they really want is some fun. Especially when the working day is done, and even more so all through the night.

CAPRICORN
(December 22-January 19)

Darkness falls across the land. The midnight hour is close at hand. Crea-

tures crawl in search of blood to terrorize y'all's neighborhood. She was more like a beauty queen from a movie scene. They told him, "Don't you ever come around here." Just beat it. Hey, do you want to be starting something? If so, tell him that it's human nature. Now Michael, we're not going to fight about this. I told you Paul, "I'm a lover, not a fighter." What does all this mean for Capricorn in 1995? Is it a description of the way you make me feel? Does it matter if you're black or white? Does any of this make sense or is this horoscope simply.....bad?

AQUARIUS
(January 20-February 18)

Your birthday comes in the middle of winter. It gives me chills, they're multiplying, and I'm losing control. Because the power you're supplying—it's electrifying. Rather than think ahead to 1995, think back to the summer of '94. Summer loving...had me a blast; summer loving...happened so fast. Ah, those summer nights. Tell me more. Was it love at first sight? Was she a beauty school dropout? In any case,

take your troubles and throw away conventionality. It belongs to yesterday. But now there's nowhere to hide since you pushed my love aside. Look at me. Don't you know we go together?

PISCES
(February 19-March 20)

How did you know? Because I never told you. You found out I've got a crush on you. Honey it's true. There's just you. You must have been heaven sent, hearing me call, you went out on a limb. You've got it all over him. I loved you. You didn't feel the same. Though we're apart, you're in my heart. Give me one more chance to make it real. I'll rocket to you. Do any of these horoscopes make sense? Call it a Christmas present from a former Quiz Master. Write down every song reference in Bizarroscopes and turn your entry in at the Gatehouse before Christmas. You may win a case of beer and ten dollars for food. Then again, you may not. Sounds fishy? This is Pisces. When you're a jet, you're a jet.....Bye-bye! Happy holidays!

Attention All Writers:

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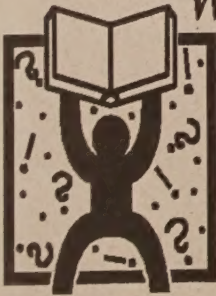
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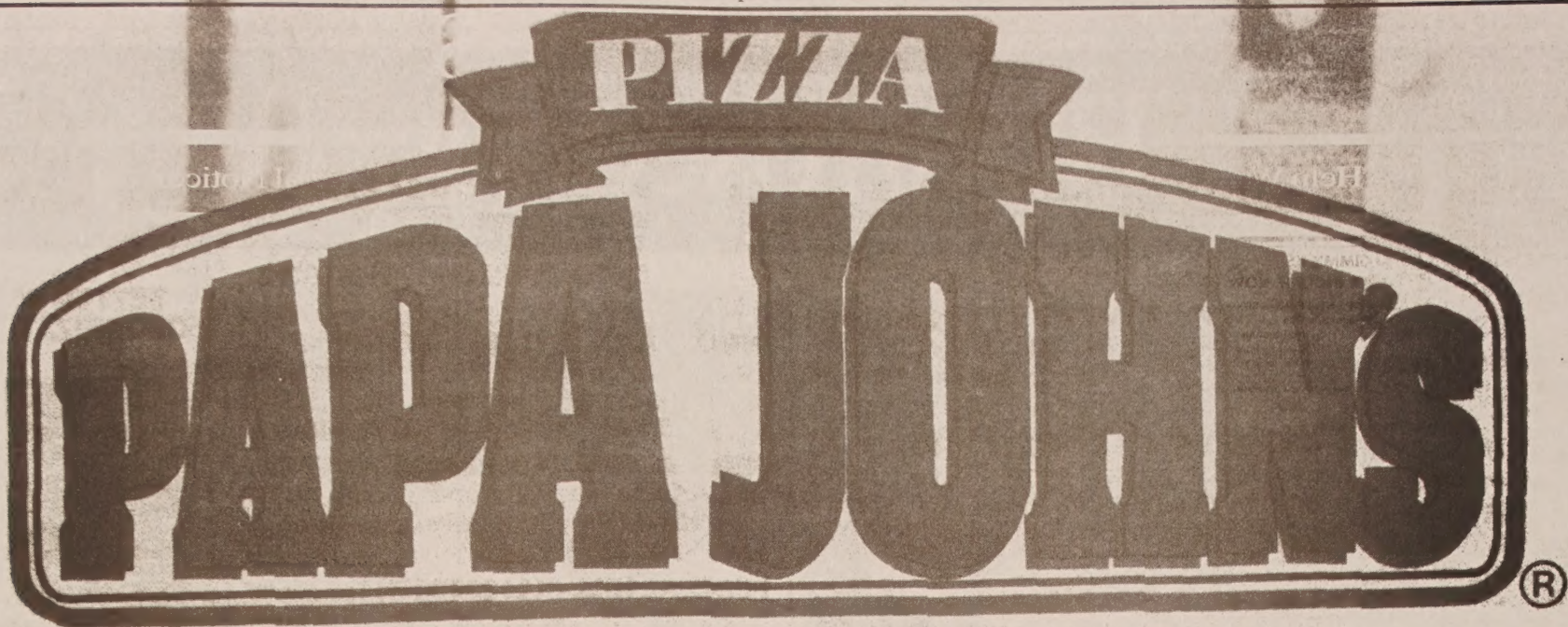
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Student Employment job listings are no longer in the Classifieds section. Look for Student Employment and Payroll Services' separate advertisement appearing weekly in the pages of the News-Letter. This week, it appears on Page A4.

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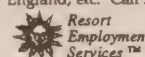
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The Heretic

The Republican Victory: 'This Is Not Good.'

by H. Torrance Griffin

Well, it appears that they have won. Of course I am speaking of the Republicans during the midterm elections. You may cry out in exultation and triumph or howl in outrage and horror if you wish now.

I have given this event a considerable amount of thought since I heard the election returns, and I have come to a conclusion that can be summed up in four syllables: This is not good.

Let me clarify the preceding statement. Given the information I have concerning the Republican platform, the ideologies of the soon-to-be leaders of both houses of Congress, and the political organizations and special interests that support either the party itself or the various Republican candidates, I have little reason to believe that the next Congress of the United States will not leave the nation worse off than it is now.

The three general sources of my concern about the current state of affairs are as follows: 1. The "moral" agenda/policies of the Republicans, 2. The fiscal/budgetary proposals of said party, and 3. The manner in which they got into power this time (translation: the recent election itself). In tribute to the direction the Republicans apparently wish to take the nation, I shall expand upon the preceding topics in the order opposite of that listed.

Concerning the election, there are several things that sadden and worry me. Firstly, I do not know what is more telling about the apathy of the U.S. populace, the fact that the voter turnout this year was only 37% of the eligible electorate nationwide, or the fact that this is the highest turnout for a non-presidential election in the past 20 years. Secondly, although it is more a matter of personal preference than the soundest possible political strategy, I have always believed it less wise to simply cast a protest vote against something or someone in particular (although there may be exceptions) than to actively support that for which you are voting. (Hitler initially got into office on personal charisma and widespread discontent with the incumbents, and look at how that turned out.) Thirdly, in this day and age of mass media being the main source of contact with the candidates in an election, if you lack the ability to look/sound good on camera and in front of crowds (i.e., Mondale and Dukakis), you are at a real disadvantage in any election, and if you lack the funding for a major media campaign (i.e., nearly every independent/third party candidate, save Perot), you have nearly insurmountable odds against you winning a non-local electoral contest.

Now that I am finished with my general complaints concerning the overall electoral process in this nation, I must also take note of a few of the usual Republican campaign strategies. It seems that one of the primary reasons Republicans have been so successful in many of the elections in the past 14 years is the liberal use of a comparatively few closely related stratagems which are explained here. The 'Scare Tactic' is an excellent way to gain votes if you can find an embodiment/avator of a subconscious fear (i.e., Willy Horton) within much of the populace and claim to have an easy way to contain or eliminate this threat. The 'Scape-goat' is an efficient obtainer of votes during a

time of painful economic downturns or upheavals (now, for example). Simply identify a distinctive and comparatively powerless group and associate them with any appropriate set of problems (illegal immigrants - crime, loss of jobs, reduction of educational and health care quality, high taxes, etc.). The 'Easy Answer' is arguably the best way to get into office if there is any degree of discontent among the bulk of the populace. The eagerness with which many people will accept an apparent solution that does not involve a lot of mental effort or self examination (on either a personal or societal level) is sometimes almost impossible to believe (example: more prisons - less crime; never mind that the U.S. has one of the two highest per capita prison populations on the planet already).

The religious right and the Republicans paint a picture of the past where evils such as divorce, promiscuity, homosexuality, financial dependence on the government, abortion, drugs, violent crime, and unChristian and unpatriotic thought or expression were absent.

The fiscal and budgetary promises of the Republicans are a double-edged sword. The implementation of many of them seem improbable at best (lower taxes, raise defense spending, and balance the budget simultaneously - can you say 'Creative Mathematics'), yet if they are fulfilled, it will be at a considerable cost to many who can ill-afford it. The proposed Balanced Budget Amendment seems to be of questionable economic effectiveness due, in no small part, to the fact that the budget would have to be based on forecasted tax revenues (How infinitely reliable and unbiased would such estimates be?), as well as contain long range capital investments such as airports (costly in the short term, but eventually pays for themselves).

The near-obsessive desire to reduce spending on social programs at all costs is a far more serious matter than many want to believe. Firstly, the refusal to fund programs such as preventive public health, enhanced education, and social programs to give children an alternative to street crime as a pastime and source of income is horribly short-sighted in that it will reduce and restrict the number of healthy, educated, upstanding citizens capable of leading the United States into the next century (then again, depending on one's goals, such policies may not be as short-sighted as I would like to think). On a less pragmatic and logical note, why is providing decent health care to the entire populace of the nation (The health care in the U.S. is excellent, if you have the (considerably large amount of) money to pay for it.)

worth less than a few more tanks, some congressional perks, or *gasp* the subsidies given to brutally communist dictators.

A strong component of the Republican platform in recent years has been a call for a return to traditional, Judeo-Christian values on the part of society and government to cure the ills of the nation and restore the United States to greatness. If you deny the strength of the religious right as a political force, be aware that of all the congressional candidates backed by the Christian Coalition, only one of them (Oliver North, and not by a huge margin) lost. The religious right and the Republicans paint a picture of the past where evils such as divorce, promiscuity, homosexuality, financial dependence on the government, abortion, drugs, violent crime, and unChristian/unpatriotic thought or expression were absent. Everyone behaved as decent Christian folk should, and all was essentially right with the world. That pristine vision of the past is marred by the fact that the only reason for the widespread perception of societal decency was widespread ignorance and self-delusion on the part of society concerning scores of dirty little secrets (rape, incest, lynchings, imperialism, etc.) that, save troublemakers, nobody spoke of at the time.

Today, the religious right wishes to restore the aforementioned illusionary past by forcing it's own theology and concepts of sin on all others by way of political pressure to restrict or end legal abortion. (Even if you ignore the coat hanger casualties, what you do with the unwanted children and the unwilling mothers - especially considering how many there are now - reshapes the curriculum of public schools and forces them to teach the proper values, as opposed to radical propaganda. The moral and religious instruction of children beyond the basic 'it is not nice to hurt others' variant is a job for the family and the religious institution. And much of the 'radical propaganda' simply is observable fact or life-saving information.) Protect the traditional family by penalizing gays and lesbians who are honest with themselves and others, and prevent them from pledging their life to one another and raising children. (Two loving parents adopt some of these unwanted children, and this is anti-family?) And, if nothing else, eliminate government funding for that which it finds offensive. (Gee, while you're at it, do you mind cutting back on the training and funding of brutal dictators, the subsidizing of billion dollar drug dealers (read: tobacco companies), and military weapons dealing?)

In embracing the religious right and its priorities, the Republicans have forgotten a few things. Firstly, not all of the Christians in the U.S. support their particular brand of theology/dogma (and the lean to the right is starting to antagonize some Republicans already). Secondly, many persons in this nation are neither Christian nor Jewish, and would not appreciate any attempt to make this a more 'Christian' nation (suffice it to say that some people have long memories). Finally, perhaps I'm mistaken, but the last time I checked there was a thing called separation of church and state in this document called the Constitution.

I am not saying that the recent Republican victories are an entirely bad thing.

I am certain that it will teach us what ideologies and leaders are not good for the welfare of the people of the U.S. and the world.

I am equally certain that we will be taught not to accept the easy answers and to seek and repair the true sources of our society's difficulties.

I am not certain, however, that our nation will find this lesson pleasant.

Calling the Spin

A Column with 'Balls'

by Michael Mullaney

Balls. What does it mean to have 'balls?' Guts? The courage to stand up for what you believe and speak the truth? Ladies and gentlemen, for the past year and a half, I have tried to write a column with 'balls.' I have tried to present opinions that are 'politically incorrect' in an attempt to bring some balance to this university. Why have I done this? I have done this because there is a left wing, anti-intellectual movement that is raging across America's academic landscape. Have no fear, Hopkinites. We can fight P.C. with something called 'free speech.' Now, why don't we use it? Surf's up, dudes, I'm calling the spin.

When Liberals Aren't Always "Liberal" or Three Recent Inquisitions:

Inquisition #1:

Professor Gordon fumbling with the projector in Shriver Hall. Audience laughing. Professor's hands trembling. 'Can someone please help me?' The seasoned Sociology professor almost drops his data slides as the audience's laughter and jeers grow louder. Gordon has five minutes to make a 'closing remark.' Five minutes to respond to three consecutive speeches of three different professors, three opponents who have been slamming him throughout the entire forum. 'Sit down! We've heard enough from you!' an audience member shouts. Gordon finally gives up trying to work projector machine. Gordon begins to read material directly from slide. Soon after Gordon starts to read, moderator interrupts Gordon, telling him that he has to finish up. Catcalls. More laughter. 'Finish up, you racist pig.' Gordon forced to rush through 'closing remark.' After Gordon's 'closing remark,' moderator ends event by thanking everyone for coming to a 'diverse,' balanced, open-minded, intelligent forum. Moderator was lying.

Side note: This columnist has not read "The Bell Curve" and, as such, is not going to defend IQ theories. What he will defend is Professor Gordon's right to be treated like a tenured professor of The Johns Hopkins University and not like some 'street thug,' circus clown, or 'piece of shit.' Wednesday night, I can honestly say that I felt like I was in the company of a bunch of politically correct wolves who enjoyed having Professor Gordon for dinner. In addition, I was saddened to see that a Hopkins Sociology professorette was a 'leader of the pack.' Does anyone need a hint to know who I am talking about? Her name rhymes with "Smelly."

Inquisition #2:

The esteemed Reverend Jesse Jackson at a recent Hopkins Symposium: 'In Germany in the nineteen thirties, it was called fascism. In America today, we call it conservatism.'

Mullaney, you must be imagining things! Old Jesse never said that, right? Ladies and gentlemen, those words are recorded on audiocassette. Anyone who wants proof can leave me a message at the *News-Letter*. I will be happy to play the tape of his words on request.

Ladies and gentlemen, who were the 'Nazis' and 'fascists' in thirties Germany? They were individuals who were wicked and dangerous. Such individuals should have been placed in prison or in the gas chamber. Well, in Jesse Jackson's opinion, is someone like a Newt Gingrich, a Ronald

Reagan, or a Michael Mullaney equivalent to an Adolf Hitler? Well, if that is the case, then I guess someone like myself must be dealt with "accordingly." Sick. Very sick.

His words are probably not 'sick' to the liberal: 'Oh, come on, Mullaney. You're blowing things out of proportion! Even if that quote is accurate, Jackson probably took a lot of heat from the Symposium audience, right?' Wrong. Hopkinites, just how many people challenged his radical left-wing stance? How many? Ten? Six? Three? One person? Besides one 'clueless' audience member who Jackson eventually coaxed into agreement, no one even bothered to present something called an 'opposing view.' On the contrary, Jesse Jackson, the Marxist 'savior of the poor' (Nice thousand dollar threads, Jesse.) was given a roaring standing ovation by the entire Hopkins community.

Inquisition #3:

This week, I was walking through Le-vering when a classmate approached me: 'Hey Michael, I've been reading "Calling the Spin." I agree with a lot of what you say, especially with regard to the ROTC issue. The one thing is that you are too 'offensive.' You really need to be more open-minded. Next week, why don't you write a calm article advocating a change of the University's discrimination policy so that the ROTC can remain on campus?' Upon hearing this, I said: 'Rob, why don't you write a letter to the Editor and voice this concern?' Rob began to squirm. He looked at me and said: 'Mike, I can't write anything because I am planning to apply for a political internship when I graduate. You understand that we have to be careful about what we do or say, don't you?'

Yes, I understand. I understand that there are a lot of students who, although they do not want to see ROTC go, are afraid to speak out against what is happening to the ROTC. I implore these people to remember one thing: The campus lefties are not afraid to speak or act against ROTC.

How are these elitists trying to 'screw' ROTC? Recently, the 'Progressive Student Coalition' distributed a survey to students in order for them to vote on whether or not ROTC should stay or go. What was wrong with this survey type vote? First, some of the survey questions were worded in an incredibly biased manner. (With Student Council and D-SAGA pushing the anti-ROTC effort, is the bias a surprise?) Second, the survey questionnaire was anonymous and 'untraceable.' That means that anyone could xerox extra copies and stuff the ballot. What a sham!

Ladies and gentlemen, if more students do not fight for the ability of ROTC to remain on campus, this 'inquisition' may be successful; ROTC could be 'phased out.' I pray that the 'enlightenment' hits Hopkins soon.

A Final thought:

People, I'm sorry the column couldn't be more 'positive' this week, but I felt that these issues needed to be dealt with. Before I go, I'd like to say something: This Christmas, be sure to remember that you live in a blessed country. Further, you are the recipient of its blessed culture. It is one worth fighting for. May you and yours have a very special, joyous Holiday Season. God bless us, each and every one (even the liberals). Ciao, people. Keep calling the spin. See you in '95.

A Week in Miami: 'You Bet!'

by Andrew Lee

If you do not plan to go home next Spring Break because it is too expensive to fly home but would still like to get away for the break, the Student Council has an excellent option for you—the opportunity to spend your Spring Break in Miami at a very affordable price (very likely under \$30 for one full week) and at the same time help the Miami community fight its housing shortage problem by helping build new houses. If you think this is too good to be true, keep reading this!

The Student Council is organizing next semester to send twenty Hopkins student to Miami during the Spring Break to help out the Collegiate Challenge Program 1994 in Miami. The Collegiate Challenge Program was started to address the severe domestic housing shortages in 1990 by the Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing in both domestic and foreign nations. Specifically, the Collegiate Challenge enlists motivated college students from around the country to contribute to building houses in areas where the problem of housing shortage persists and thereby seeks to provide affordable housing for those less fortunate. The Miami area, although looking normal and beautiful to the tourists, has been hard-hit by various natural disasters in recent years which have claimed much damage in housing for its residents. The program will address this need specifically by employing college students' voluntary manpower to build cheap and affordable housings for its residents.

The trip itself will run from March 19-24, 1995, and the cost is not certain, yet. Although each individual is required to pay by the Habitat approximately \$50 to defray the cost of transportation, lodging, and construction mate-

rials, the Council hopes to subsidize this cost through funding from the Hopkins Alumni Association, Student Council itself, and other sources around the campus and hopes to reduce

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the cost for each student down to about \$20.

Contrary to popular opinion, expertise in construction building is not a prerequisite to participation in this program. Volunteers with varying skills can equally contribute to the overall project, as long as the participants work well together as one cohesive unit and with other community members. Besides building houses, of course, the members of the team will also participate in various communal activities such as pot luck dinners, local sporting events, dances, and hitting the beaches (You bet!). More importantly, though, the trip will provide you with an unforgettable experience in community building and volunteerism.

If you would like to have an affordable and meaningful Spring Break during which you can get away to Miami as well as lend an important helping hand to its residents in building houses and would like to receive more information, please call the Student Council office at 516-8203 and leave a message.

This is an opportunity to have an extremely enriching and gratifying vacation as well as help out the people in need in Miami. You will find it hard to pass up this great opportunity. Who says that the Student Council is doing nothing for its students and those in need?

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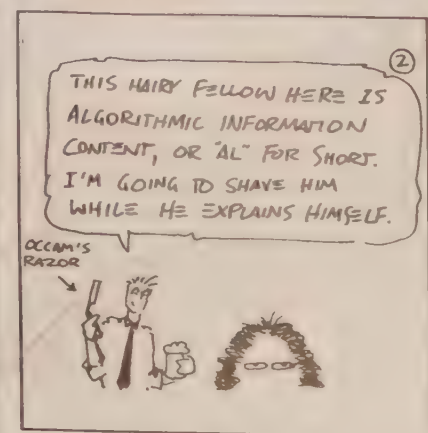
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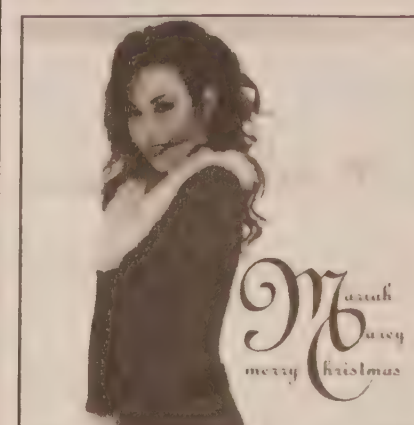


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Women's Basketball Gets Offensive

Blue Jays Power Over Brandeis and Franklin and Marshall

by Joe Ismert

The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Striving for perfection in the game of basketball means one thing—score more points than the other team does. No matter the cost, no matter the means—as long as the ball drops through the hoop enough times to produce a greater point total than the opposition during every game, then a team has reached perfection. That doesn't seem too complicated, does it?

Johns Hopkins leads the league in offensive output with an average of 81.0 points every four quarters. In addition, they are second in the league with 54.5 points allowed per game. This is definitely better than any opposing team in

the league, but somehow they seem to have accumulated two losses this season.

Senior Amy Dodrill has averaged 17.0 points, 4.7 rebounds, and 2.7 steals per contest. Freshman forward Julie Anderson had 15 points and ten rebounds in the win over Brandeis. Karen Hoffman tosses an average of 14.0 points through the hoop, but has come up even bigger in Centennial Conference games with 19.0 points per game. Even this isn't enough sometimes. If every player doesn't contribute their part each game, then the team sputters much like a car with a piston which isn't pumping in accordance with the others.

This was the case when the women faced New York University under the golden dome on the road last Sunday afternoon. JHU came out with icicles on their fingertips, and never seemed to get the blood pumping fast enough to melt away the frost from their digits. In the first half, the Blue Jays were able hold their own with a 29.7% field goal percentage as NYU couldn't seem to connect either. The first half ended with JHU down by just seven even after their dismal shooting performance.

The second half did not seem to change the situation, though, as the poor shots continued to "rim-out". The second half, in essence verified the fact that the Blue Jays were merely "off" that day, while they went 23-72 from the field. Thus the Blue Jays dropped their second game this season to NYU 78-66. A game which very well could have been just another step on the way to perfection.

The very game before, the Blue Jay team demonstrated what happens when all cylinders are clicking by routing Brandeis 86-56 at home. Every member of the team seemed able to contribute to this victory. The team set the pace, and proved themselves in the first half as they drubbed the Judges 65-31 in the first half.

The starters saw significant bench time in the second half as the lesser used team members maintained the lead for Hopkins during the second half. One more step toward, you guessed it, perfection.

On December 6, the Johns Hopkins women's basketball team traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania in a quest to end a five game losing streak to Franklin and Marshall. F&M entered the game with a four game winning streak of their own while JHU was coming off of a disappointing loss.

This time the Blue Jays would not be denied. Junior center Lori Leonard did not allow any second chances for the Diplomats as she pulled down a game high 12 rebounds (11 defensive). Twin towers Lori Leonard and Julie Anderson are tied for 14th in the league with 8.2 boards per game.

Leonard's efforts combined with senior co-captains Amy Dodrill and Karen Hoffman to put away the Conference rivals. Dodrill finished the first half with eight points, but passed the baton to Hoffman as she put together a stellar second half scoring display as she went 8 for 11. It was a remarkable performance considering the fact that she had no points at halftime.

The team hit exactly 50% of their shots in the game, but that wasn't the deciding factor, for the team put a lot of heart into the defense that they forged against F&M. The Blue Jay women created a veritable impermeable wall sometimes called and commonly known as the "Blue Jay Barrier". Comparable to the men's soccer team's "Nest of Steel Twigs", these ladies played some in-your-face basketball by out-rebounding the Diplomats by a count of 42-29. One more factor that accounts for perfection.

Hopefully the women will continue their play when they tip off against Rochester today.



File Photo

Julie Anderson blocks out, but no rebound is needed as Amy Dodrill shoots



File Photo

Karen Hoffman holds on to the ball

The Johns Hopkins-Franklin and Marshall Rivalry Continues...



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This week, *Memory Lane* (page B6) features a summary of the Johns Hopkins rivalry with the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats. Also be sure to read about the Men's Basketball Team's most recent escape with the Diplomats (page B5). The Diplomats were the number one ranked basketball team in the *Sports Illustrated* pre-season poll as they entered this season.

Above, Johns Hopkins players celebrate after topping Franklin and Marshall to advance to the Sweet Sixteen in the 1990 NCAA Division III Tournament.

From left to right, Joel Siepierski, Dave Eikenberg, Evan Jones, and Eric Hastings mug for the camera after the Blue Jays upset Franklin and Marshall, 85-78. The victory ended Franklin and Marshall's 40 game home winning streak.

Division I Teams Foil Men's Fencing

by Johnny J. Wong

The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

The men's fencing team traveled to the home of the University of North Carolina to face four top division one schools. The Blue Jays were hoping to topple some division one egos, but they came up short in all of their matches.

The men first met Duke University shortly after the break of dawn. Last year, Hopkins defeated the Duke team 14-13. However, this year's heavy recruitment brought many experienced high schoolers to their team. Their once-weak Foil squad has been resurrected by youth. The Blue Jays were defeated at a score of 11/16.

This disappointing loss had many unfortunate repercussions on many of the veteran fencers. When JHU was at its peak fencing ability during the heart of the season, the Blue Jays would compete on the same level as many division one opponents. However, with a loss to Duke, whom many believed Hopkins would have the best chance at defeating, the team began having doubts about their own abilities. As a result, JHU couldn't concentrate adequately enough to face and defeat the remaining opponents. Although the Blue Jays were close in many of their losing bouts, a loss is a loss. The Hopkins men must get a hold of the intangibles and win the close bouts, in order to be competitive.

Next the men faced the tournament host, the University of North Carolina. Last year, UNC sneaked a victory away from Hopkins at a score of 14-13. Many from last year's team believed that they should have won the meet. Veterans from last year believed that this year, they would avenge last year's loss. Unfortunately, there was no such luck. The UNC squad proved to be tougher than expected. JHU ended up losing to UNC at a score of 9-18. Once again, Hopkins tried to keep it close, but the Blue Jays lost key bouts that left them with another loss.

Hopkins next faced the squad from the United States Air Force Academy. Having

never fenced Air Force before, the JHU men weren't sure how to deal with them. Air Force's reputation ranks them at the top of the conferences in the western United States, however, their performances against East coast schools were not well known. In the end, the Air Force Academy match ended up being the closest meet JHU would come to winning for the day. JHU lost at a score of 12-15.

The last school JHU would fence for the day was Rutgers University. Rutgers has traditionally sent very experienced fencers to the strip. They would be a challenge even to division one champions every year. Although it was felt that Rutgers should have fenced better than it did, Hopkins still lost at a score of 9-18. All fencers from the four schools had solid high school and club experience. This fact gives the opposing teams a distinct advantage over teams like Hopkins whose team was trained and developed in college.

The biggest disappointment occurred in the match against Rutgers. The Epee team was totally shut out by the Rutgers squad. Coach Richard Oles commented, "Rutgers had a good Epee team, but our last year's Epee team would have beaten those guys. They aren't Penn State. There was nothing which we hadn't seen before. There was no reason to lose 9-0 to those guys."

Epee captain Josh Harris said, "We could have won two. Our third man, between Tim Meyer and Alan Benson, got no wins out of twelve bouts. They went 0-12. And that made it very tough. We still should have won two of the four."

The brightest note of the day came from the Sabre squad. While all the other weapon squads were soundly shut out or defeated, the Sabre squad emerged from the contest with two victories and two losses. Hopkins defeated the opposing Sabre squads from Rutgers and Air Force. They also came close to defeating Duke, but they lost 4-5.

On the individual level, there weren't any exceptional performances by any Hopkins fencer. The entire tournament was a disap-

pointment to many. In many of the bout losses, the Hopkins fencer ended up losing very close matches, going 5-4 and 5-3. A peculiar aspect of many of the bout losses was that not many JHU fencers were shut out or overwhelmed. It would appear that the Blue Jays scored against all their opponents, however, they failed to score enough in time to win the bout.

Coach Oles commented, "We think that we should have won three of the four meets. We did not fence well. Our better guys fell down too many times. When you fence with these big time recruiting schools. You can not afford even to breathe at the wrong time cause you'll get hit. With all their experience, to beat them we have to be at the absolute top of our game. Everybody has to and too many of us just weren't. That's the story."

Coach Oles continued, "In all the bouts we were competitive. We only got shut out, by one guy. The losses were 5-3 5-4 not 5-1, 5-2. Too many mistakes. Too little experience. Wrong thing at the right time, right thing at the wrong time."

Team captain Harris said, "We were fencing division one schools, which get all the high school recruits and give scholarships. So they get the best of the high school fencers and they were on the most part better teams than us. Although we could have beaten any single one of them, we didn't win any. We were always the underdog."

It's interesting to note that JHU normally doesn't fence the big division one powerhouses until much later in the season, after the intersession break. During the intersession break, the men's team trains more than five hours a day, constantly bouting and drilling. The intersession training hones the skills of all members of the team and brings all the weapon squads up to the competitive division one level. This year, just to be different, JHU attended this southern tournament instead of the traditional visit up north later in the season, against Penn State and its cadre of elite fencing squads.

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Sports

Sports Briefs

Baltimore Native Wins
NCAA Woman of the Year

TUCSON, Ariz.—University of Arizona senior Tanya Hughes has been named the 1994 NCAA Woman of the Year. The award recognizes excellence in athletics, academics, and community leadership.

"It's a real honor for me," said Hughes, a track and field standout. "It means a lot because it's a symbol of my academic and athletic achievement."

Hughes burst onto the collegiate sports scene as a freshman at Arizona in 1991, capturing the Pac-10, NCAA Indoor and NCAA Outdoor titles for the high jump. She also finished first at the U.S. Junior Championships and took fourth at the Pan American Games.

As a sophomore, Hughes participated in the '92 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, where she placed 11th. She successfully defended her NCAA Outdoor title and finished fifth at the NCAA Indoor Championship.

Hughes was honored as the Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year as a junior, winning the Pac-10 and NCAA Outdoor titles again. She also took first at the World University Games.

Hughes' hopes of a four-peat in the Pac-10 and NCAA Outdoors were crushed her senior year, as the Baltimore native was forced to undergo knee surgery in February. Hughes' recovery was hampered by bursitis in the same knee, leaving her unable to practice until late May. In her first meet of the season, the Pac-10 Championship, Hughes finished second. Shortly after, she finished fourth at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, despite her late-season start.

Success in track and field events weren't Hughes' only talents. She excelled in the classroom, earning academic honors each year she was in school. Hughes was named a First Team Academic All-American for her junior and senior year.

Hughes was selected from among national finalists who were chosen by the NCAA Special Advisory Committee on Women's Corporate Marketing.

—College Press Service

Hopkins Grad in Triathlon
World Championships

Jim Quinn, currently a banker working for the Dresdner Bank in Manhattan, has qualified for the world triathlon championships, which took place November 27 in Wellington, New Zealand. The event hosted competitors from 45 countries in ages ranging from 20 to 80 years old. The 24-year-old Quinn qualified when he finished fifth in his age group (20-29) at the United States Nationals held August 14 in Columbia, Maryland.

Quinn is no stranger to athletic success. At Hopkins, as a member of the Blue Jay swimming team, he was a 12-time Division III All-American in the breast stroke. In addition, Quinn set a Johns Hopkins record in a run-swim biathlon during his senior year here.

It was this performance which led Quinn to triathloning. After graduating from college in 1993, he participated in his first triathlon in Montauk, New York. Though he had only trained for two months, and lacked clip-on pedals and aerodynamically designed handlebars, Quinn finished sixth. It was after this surprising performance

that he saw a possible future for himself in triathloning.

Probably the most difficult part for Quinn was enduring his daily workouts in preparation for the world championships. A typical day for him would start at 5 a.m. when he joins the Badger Swim Club for a ninety minute workout in the pool. Next, he catches a train to work and puts in his time as a management trainee at an international banking firm. Afterward, the 6-foot-4-inch, 175 pounder works out on his bike or runs at a nearby high school track. On a given week, Quinn estimates that he sims 15 to 20 miles, bikes 150-180 miles, and runs 20-25 miles.

In the world championship competition, the participants will have to swim one mile, bike 24 miles and then run 6.2 miles to the finish. The triathlon will only be a spectator sport at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, but will become a full event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

—Justin Yuen

Wrestling Loses to York

Hopkins opened its 1994-95 campaign with a 39-9 loss at York. Their next match doesn't occur until January of 1995.

Swarthmore has jumped out to a 2-0-1 overall record, winning the only Centennial Conference match of the year to date against Western Maryland, 27 to 19.

The Green Terror is 2-1 overall, while Muhlenberg is 2-2, with Haverford and Hopkins rounding out the Centennial schools with 0-1 records. Gettysburg and Ursinus have yet to compete.

—J.Y.

Outside the Arena
Under the Arena

by Gilead Light

You can call this episode "Under the Arena", as we take a dive underground to talk with masters of the art of caving.

Caving, you say? How is that art? Yogi Bear lives in a cave, doesn't he? You just walk around, look at those stalagmite things, and take a few pictures, right?

Sorry, folks, that's not caving, that's sightseeing. No one calls it sport-caving (yet), but caving has become an organized pastime similar to rock climbing, promoted by a loyal follow-

"I've seen lots of very good rock climbers get into a cave and absolutely freak out... You can't trust any of the holds."

—REGINALD REID

ing of cavers (no, they don't call themselves "spelunkers") who seek adventurous exploration and the "comfort" of close surroundings.

You can get a feel for genuine caving in the confines of your own bedroom. First, turn out the lights. Then crawl underneath your bed—not just your head and shoulders, get your whole body under there. Feeling cozy? Now pretend that your rug is solid rock, that there's water flowing up to your chin, and that your bed is 100 feet long.

There's not much room for your camera, is there?

Such terrain, referred to as a "crawl" by cavers, is only one variation of the terrors that lie deep beneath the earth. Loose rock, treacherous climbs, lots of mud and uncharted terrain all combine to make caving an exercise in both physical and mental fitness.

These caves are not just big holes in the side of a mountain. The deepest caves, which extend over one kilometer deep into the earth, lure the most avid cavers in the same way that high mountain peaks lure the world's top climbers. Caving is actually an offshoot of mountaineering, as curious climbers in the European Alps developed a significant caving interest during the 1930's.

Many cave formations require one to perform climbing-like maneuvers. But being a rock jock, as caver Reginald Reid will attest, does not in any way qualify a person for the rigors of a cave.

"I've seen lots of very good rock climbers get into a cave and absolutely freak out," says Reid. "You can't trust any of the holds, and friction climbing (smearing your foot against a flat wall to move up—a favorite rock technique) is impossible because of all the mud."

Reid, a Hopkins graduate and Outdoors Club alum, has experience dealing with novice cavers whose mental stability disintegrates once underground. Caving does have beautiful scenery at times (like those cool crystal formations you see on postcards) but the mental burden of having the whole world literally resting on your shoulders can often be too much for the fainthearted to handle.

As a caver who routinely works with beginners, what does Reid do when somebody loses it underground? "I just harass the hell out of them," he says happily. "When people are really scared, I'll annoy them to the point that they're so mad at me they forget to be scared."

But verbal harassment is just the beginning. Outdoors Club Director Andrew Manning recalls an incident where he was in front of Reid on a tight crawl. After slowly crawling inch by inch for fifteen minutes, Manning got stuck on a curve. He backed up and promptly began to flip out.

"I was scrambling like mad," says Manning, "hitting my head on the roof, not thinking at all. I blew out my candle (headlamp) and then I couldn't see, which made it even worse."

So what did our hero do? "He just grabbed my pants and yanked," says Manning, his cheeks turning noticeably red. "He pulled them down past my thighs, and I settled down right away."

Reid's grin breaks wide open as he recounts instances when he, um, "persuaded" stuck cavers to finish the cave, and you suddenly feel that you're talking to some kind of sadist.

But caving, if not sadistic itself, is a very serious business. There is less room for error than there is room for people, as injured cavers are extremely hard to rescue.

"Cavers are inherently a lot safer than rock climbers," says Reid. "On rock you can be a little crazy, because if you fall or get hurt, you can at least get airlifted off the mountain. But there's no way out of the cave if you're injured except for a major rescue effort, and a twisted ankle can turn into a four day affair."

With this in mind, Reid thrives on the daunting task of navigating these huge natural mazes. Especially in a "virgin" cave, the thrill of actually getting through without becoming hopelessly hurt and lost can be the most enticing aspect of caving.

"It's exploration, basically," says Reid. "I guess I'm driven by a sense of curiosity... and a sense of wanting to do something stupid."

If all cavers were as "stupid" as Reid, if they all had his physical prowess and his ability to efficiently and safely navigate a cave, then the National Speleological Society (NSS) would not be forced to limit caving activity in so many places. An on-

slaught of beginner cavers as well as an increase in caver volume has prompted private landowners and the NSS to close down or restrict access to various U.S. caves.

While many cave entrances are on public land, others are located on private property, meaning that the owner decides who goes in and out. Liability, says Sheila Moss of the NSS, is the main reason landowners will close off "their" caves.

"People are getting hurt in there," said Moss in a telephone interview, "and some owners are afraid of getting sued."

According to Moss, the purity of the caves is also at stake, as many regard a clean, untouched, and unpolluted cave as a natural resource. In other words, that rock pile you just sat on could be some geologist's notion of the *Mona Lisa*.

"When someone comes in and breaks a formation, it may never grow back," says Moss. "Even if it does, it will take about a million years to do so."

The Hopkins Outdoors Club has felt the effects of these recent closings. Over the last two weeks, two caving trips have been canceled due to the closing of Moeller's Cave, in Charlestown, VA, and the restrictions on Seiler's Cave, in West Virginia.

These restrictions are enforced by local chapters of the NSS called grottos. The grotto is the cornerstone of organized caving, as they control or coordinate access to all major caves. Their main function is to increase safety awareness among the growing caving community, and they also offer beginner instruction to those who wish to learn.

The grottos have given caving some structure, but the pastime (it's hard to call it a sport) is far behind rock climbing in terms of organization and popularization. There is no rating system for caves, so competition is not a factor, and caving remains, as Reid says, "a very non-commercialized sport."

Hopkins students can try their hand at caving free of charge with the Outdoors Club. Trips are planned for early next semester, although exact dates have not been set.

And if you haven't figured this out already, be aware that a cave is not the best place to attempt to cure your claustrophobia.

"He just grabbed my pants and yanked. He pulled them down past my thighs, and I settled down right away."

—ANDREW MANNING

STATISTICS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

| Brandeis University at Johns Hopkins University December 2, 1994 | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| | 1st | 2nd | Final |
| Brandeis | 35 | 32 | 67 |
| JHU | 29 | 25 | 54 |

JHU:
Sandlin 2-11 0-0 3, Simmons 2-4 0-0 1, Amoss 2-5 2-2 1, Black 2-6 3-4 4, Bevington 1-7 0-0 7, Wobbeking 1-2 0-0 3, Loughlin 0-1 4-4 0, Ellis 0-1 3-4 3, Peterson 2-5 0-0 6, Roehrig 7-12 0-0 5, Bleier 0-1 0-0 4

Brandeis:
Goodman 0-0 0-0 1, Lating 2-5 0-0 3, Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, Shaw 0-1 0-0 0, Caines 0-1 2-2 1, Coffey 5-8 3-5 2, Henseler 3-6 0-0 1, Schneider 7-14 2-2 5, Okiwe 2-5 1-1 1, McDermott 1-2 3-4 6, Shea 4-10 2-4 7, Klein 0-3 0-0 1

3-Point Goals:
JHU: 4-17 (Sandlin 2-7, Amoss 0-2, Black 2-5, Bevington 0-1, Wobbeking 0-1, Loughlin 0-1)

Brandeis: 6-8 (Lating 1-2, Coffey 1-1, Henseler 1-1, Schneider 3-3, Okiwe 0-1)

Franklin & Marshall at
Johns Hopkins University
December 6, 1994

| | 1st | 2nd | Final |
|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| F&M | 35 | 51 | 86 |
| JHU | 26 | 35 | 61 |

JHU:
Sandlin 5-7 6-6 1, Simmons 1-1 0-0 0, Amoss 0-3 0-0 2, Black 2-4 1-3 2, Bevington 2-8 4-4 13, Wobbeking 0-1 0-2 0, Ellis 0-0 0-0 1, Peterson 4-8 5-7 4, Roehrig 6-13 0-0 2, Reeves 0-0 0-1 1, Bleier 0-2 0-0 0

F&M:
Janetta 7-10 8-10 2, Sievert 2-7 5-7 3, Henry 2-5 2-2 2, Mehaffey 8-11 0-1 9, Detz 4-4 2-3 2, Kelliher 1-1 3-5 2, Lucarelli 1-4 1-4 0, Fackler 4-8 1-1 6, Loftus 0-2 2-2 1, Pontius 0-0 0-0 2, Davis 0-0 0-0 2, Sokol 0-0 2-2 0

3-Point Goals:
JHU: 5-11 Sandlin 3-5, Black 1-3, Wobbeking 0-1, Loughlin 0-1, Peterson 1-1

F&M: 2-6 Janetta 1-2, Henry 1-3, Lucarelli 0-1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

| Johns Hopkins University at New York University December 4, 1994 | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| | 1st | 2nd | Final |
| JHU | 30 | 25 | 55 |
| NYU | 30 | 38 | 68 |

JHU:
Black 4-11 2-3 5, Bevington 3-6 2-4 4, Roehrig 10-16 4-7 11, Sandlin 2-5 0-1 1, Simmons 1-6 0-2 2, Amoss 0-0 0-0 1, Wobbeking 0-0 0-0 2, Peterson 1-4 2-2 4, Bleier 0-1 0-0 1

NYU:
Zilber 4-4 0-0 2, Murray 6-17 3-6 6, Elie 5-7 1-2 9, Thorpe 2-4 2-5 3, Stevens 4-6 4-8 1, Farrell 0-3 0-0 1, Risico 0-0 0-0 1, Belanfanti 2-10 6-10 10

3-Point Goals:
JHU: 3-11 (Black 2-5, Bevington 0-1, Sandlin 0-1, Simmons 1-3, Peterson 0-1)

NYU:
6-15 (Zilber 4-4, Murray 2-9, Farrell 0-2)

Johns Hopkins University at
New York University
December 4, 1994

| | 1st | 2nd | Final |
|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| JHU | 33 | 33 | 66 |
| NYU | 32 | 46 | 78 |

JHU:
Mikula 1-1 1-2 3, Leonard 5-7 2-2 12, Hoffman 3-18 1-2 7, Dodrill 7-17 4-7 21, Anderson 2-4 3-7 7, Arnold 3-16 5-6 11, Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Hewes 1-3 0-0 2, Runge 1-6 1-2 4

NYU:
Wilde 1-2 0-0 2, Mathews 2-6 2-3 6, Krolinkowski 8-23 4-7 23, DeJoseph 2-6 0-1 4, Harris 4-11 8-10 17, Lupe 4-6 3-5 12, Franklin 0-0 0-0 0, Jacques 6-9 0-0 19, Dempsey 0-2 2-2 2

3-Point Goals:
JHU: 3-17 (Hoffman 0-4, Dodrill 3-9, Runge 0-4)

NYU:
5-17 (Krolinkowski 3-12, Harris 1-3, Lupe 1-2)

Johns Hopkins University at
Franklin & Marshall
December 6, 1994

| | 1st | 2nd | Final |
|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| JHU | 34 | 42 | 76 |
| F&M | 27 | 37 | 64 |

JHU:
Anderson 2-3 4-5 8, Hoffman 8-11 0-0 16, Dodrill 3-5 0-0 8, Mills 0-0 0-0 0, Arnold 3-10 0-2 7, Jensen 5-7 1-2 11, Hewes 1-3 0-0 2, Runge 3-5 0-0 2, Mikula 4-10 2-2 10, Leonard 3-10 0-0 6

F&M:
Lugue 7-14 2-3 21, Sandherr 2-6 3-3 7, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Bergondo 4-13 0-0 8, Raguckas 5-12 0-0 10, Wansel 0-0 0-0 0, Gonzalez 3-7 2-2 8, Marsh 1-1 0-0 2, Paternostro 4-11 0-0 8

3-Point Goals:
JHU: 5-9 (Dodrill 2-3, Arnold 1-3, Runge 2-3)

F&M:
5-7 (Lugue 5-7)

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|---|---|---|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 9 6:00 pm Women's Basketball vs. Rochester 8:00 pm Men's Basketball vs. Rochester | 10 11:00 am Men's & Women's Track at Swarthmore Invitational | 11 11:00 am Men's & Women's Track at Towson State Holiday Relays | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

Slick Picks—Presidential Choice Edition

President Richardson Makes His Picks!

by Joe Ismert and Justin Yuen

Yes, that's right, this week's guest picker is our venerable president, **William "Mack Truck" Richardson**. In celebration of the last issue for this semester, Joe and Justin convinced the prez to put his pigskin knowledge to the test.

Last week, Ken and Hadley (9-5) squeaked by Joe (7-7) and Justin (8-6). The dynamic duo backed up their trash-talking by picking Tampa Bay over Washington, a truly pitiful contest, giving them the win over Justin by one game. The game was almost as bad as the recent Columbia-Brown matchup!

This brings Joe's season tally to 91-63, while Justin is lurking three games back at 88-66. Justin still has a chance to finish on top.

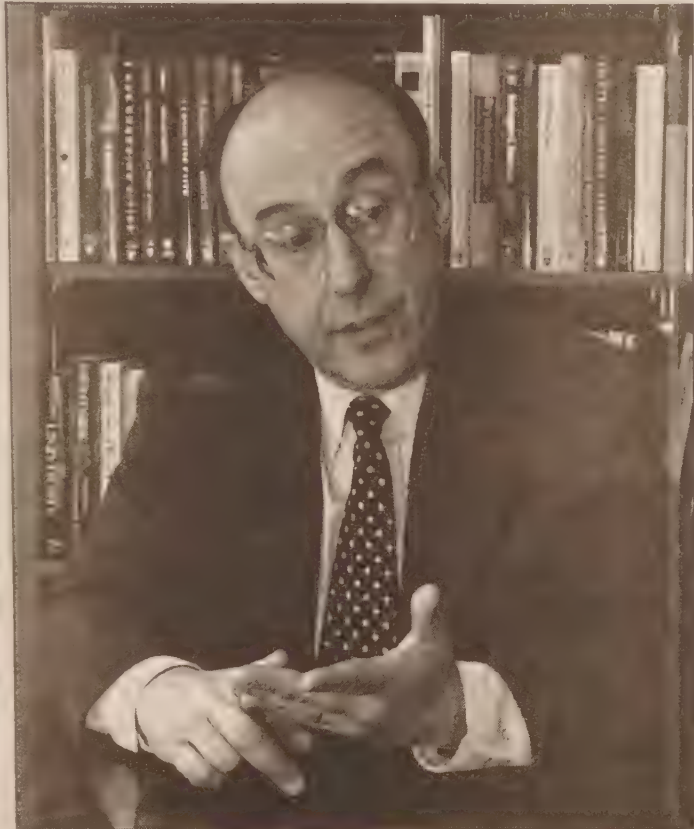
The President's choices bring up a very good point—anything can happen. The mere fact that he gave Cincinnati the nod this week demonstrates the parity in all football teams this year.

Last week brought with it some interesting games, including the strangely important Chiefs—Broncos game. This game was indicative of a typical 1994 NFL matchup including all of the excitement and thrills of overtime.

The Chiefs were led by their powerful defensive line, but were playing injured, as Joe Montana along with a couple handful of other players did not play. With ex-49er Steve Bono at the helm, the Chiefs were unable to surmount any type of offensive assault in the first half.

Instead, the Kansas City defense took charge as they successfully shut-down the Broncos running game with four dead stops from the one-inch line at the end of the first half. The Broncos moved down to the goal-line after a pass interference call, but they were only up 7-3 after two quarters of John Elway magic. It seemed that, at will, "the Viper" was able to strike for 40 plus yards when it was third-and-long.

The Chiefs were able to connect for a long score of their own and



Our president, William C. Richardson, tries his hand at that time-honored tradition of picking pro football games.

tacked on a two-point conversion to tie the game at seventeen apiece. At this point in the game, Elway had already been taken out due to some knee damage inflicted upon him by the harsh K.C. defense.

The game went into overtime after Nick Lowery replacement Lin Elliot missed the winning field goal for a second week in a row. There was less than a minute on the clock when he set up for what seemed to be a traditional mid-range field goal, yet when the ball left his foot, the trajectory resembled a sixty yard kick. Needless to say, after this incident, the tide was in Denver's favor.

The deciding factor was a twenty yard, first-down romp by the Bronco's QB replacement on a busted third-and-long play. This was followed with a long run off of the right tackle which

was rare against the immovable red-shirted linemen.

Nonetheless, the game-winning field goal ensued and the game was over. The great consequences of this game will become more recognizable as the season comes to a close in the "up-for-grabs" AFC.

Another important game was featured in the Monday night game where the Chargers faced the Raiders. This game could have been a gigantic determining factor in figuring which team would come out of the AFC west, instead it merely tightened things up.

Since L.A. upset San Diego, the Chargers were not able to clinch and with some tough games left, who can guess what might happen.

The playoff picture is starting to come into focus, though, with a few teams already clinching spots, includ-

ing the Steelers and the Cowboys. Every week from here on out, might mean the difference between post-season play and a long off-season for NFL players.

Saturday's Games

Cleveland at Dallas: Joe—Dallas; Justin—Dallas; The Prez—Dallas

Detroit at New York Jets: Joe—Detroit; Justin—Detroit; The Prez—New York Jets

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Green Bay: Joe—Chicago; Justin—Chicago; The Prez—Chicago

Cincinnati at New York Giants: Joe—New York Giants; Justin—New York Giants; The Prez—Cincinnati

Denver at Los Angeles Raiders: Joe—Los Angeles Raiders; Justin—Los Angeles Raiders; The Prez—Denver

Indianapolis at New England: Joe—New England; Justin—New England; The Prez—New England
Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay: Joe—Tampa Bay; Justin—Los Angeles Rams; The Prez—Los Angeles Rams

Minnesota at Buffalo: Joe—Buffalo; Justin—Buffalo; The Prez—Buffalo

New Orleans at Atlanta: Joe—Atlanta; Justin—Atlanta; The Prez—Atlanta

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh: Joe—Pittsburgh; Justin—Pittsburgh; The Prez—Pittsburgh

San Francisco at San Diego: Joe—San Diego; Justin—San Francisco; The Prez—San Francisco

Seattle at Houston: Joe—Seattle; Justin—Seattle; The Prez—Seattle

Washington at Arizona: Joe—Arizona; Justin—Arizona; The Prez—Arizona

Monday's Game

Kansas City at Miami: Joe—Kansas City; Justin—Miami; The Prez—Kansas City

Play Ball!

The Last Word

by Lauren Spencer

The likely impasse in this week's baseball arbitration is pushing yet another deadline to the forefront: spring training. If the players fail to offer a counterpunch to the owners this week in D.C., it looks like the owners camp will proceed and institute the salary cap, putting the ball in the player's court in an increasingly tiresome game of the rich versus the megarich.

For the last time—it's irksome to think about athletes (or anyone) scoffing at six figure salaries when many of us are worried about our futures. The "Busboys with BAs" phenomenon has me for one more than a little nervous to the point where the most important prerequisite I have for my first post-college job is that I don't have to say, "Do you want fries with that?"

Seriously, it's time to stop this meaningless haggle and get something concrete on the table or else people will stop caring (that is, the people who haven't stopped already). How much can any fan stand? They already have seen something they enjoy disintegrate from the acid of greed. And then, the game is truly up. If the players, and indeed baseball loses its fan base, let me explain what will happen.

There's a little principle of supply and demand out there which is more than a question on your garden variety Macroeconomics test. If fans are peeved, as they are or soon will be, they will in all likelihood stop going to games.

So in order to keep up the CDB, something will have to change. You can't hike ticket prices; this is an issue of demand, not supply. I read recently that the Orioles are going to do just that next season: talk about cocky!

I don't think fans are going to go for it, though, it would be like polishing the boot that kicked them. Okay. There are a limited number of peanut vendors. So, where does this extra money come from? Eventually, it will have to erode the players' salary. Back to square one!

But I forgot—the players are on strike so they don't have to take a salary cut! At this point, they have done the physically impossible and screwed themselves. There is no way they can keep their salaries at such an exorbitant level. At this point, the best thing to do for the players is shut up and deal, and hope the fans and the country does not stay bitter. Otherwise, they'll be moving from the picket line to the unemployment line.

Men's Fencing Stumbles

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Coach Oles explained, "It's not an excuse, it's a statement of fact. Normally we fenced the big schools two-thirds of the way through the season, the end of January, the first of February. This year, we fenced them really early. Who knows, it's possible that if we had fenced them after Intercession, where we have three workouts per day for two weeks, then we could have done better. Whether we would have made the same mistakes or not, I can't say. Chances are, we'd probably have done slightly better. Whether we could have beaten all of them, is another thing. But these four schools were not beyond our reach. There are some schools whom we fence where we say, they're just better fencers than we are. Hands down. That's the way it is. End of excuse. These schools were not like

that. These four schools were all solidly within our reach. It's a little disappointing, but then that comes with the game."

This tournament was the last event the men's team will participate in at the collegiate level for this semester. The Blue Jays will continue their training and practice at the beginning of Intercession and prepare for their biggest venture in recent history. The men's team will travel across the border into chilly Canada and participate in an invitational collegiate team fencing tournament, in which over 15 schools will compete.

Oles said, "We know nothing of the schools up in Canada. None of them fence American schools so we don't have the slightest idea how we're going to do up there. We going up there to place as high as we can. If we can win, that's fine."

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Sports

Athlete of the Week

Freshman Basketball Player Isiah Sandlin

by David Beccaria

Isiah Sandlin leads the men's basketball team in steals, so it was no surprise when he stole a game from Ursinus College earlier this season. Sandlin sank a crucial jumper to tie

the game in regulation. He drained a second shot to tie the game after one overtime, and made a third shot to win the game as the second overtime buzzer sounded.

"I kind of knew those shots would fall because I've been in that situation before and I've made a lot of them," he

said. Although his heroics saved the day, Sandlin downplays his role in the Jays only win this season. "Rocky Bleier made some great passes at the end of the game, and Scott Simmons was just as crucial. He scored six or eight points in the first OT to keep us in it. I just hit the end of the game shots," he said.

Sandlin has made game-winning shots before. While playing basketball for Hood River Valley High School, he placed his team in the Oregon state tournament by nailing a game-winner. "As soon as I hit the shot the crowd rushed onto the court," he remembers fondly.

Sandlin grew up in Hood River, Oregon and capped an outstanding high school basketball career by being named the Oregon 3A Player of the Year. He won three league titles while at Hood River Valley, however, he has not enjoyed such success so far at Hopkins. "We have a good team, but nothing works out for us. We play with good teams, but we're never on top when the game ends," he said.

"I've always been on winning teams, so it's been a little rough so far," he said. The young Jays have experienced growing pains this year, and Sandlin is no exception. "Our freshman have the ability to do a lot of things for this team, but it's been difficult so far. We all come from very different offenses in high school, and we're not comfortable playing with each other yet," he said.

Sandlin isn't comfortable with his own play thus far this season. "I've only had two good games so far, against Ursinus and F&M. I'm looking to get back to playing the way I'm capable

of," he said. Nevertheless, Sandlin knows that his basketball concerns take a back seat to academic ones at Hopkins.

Sandlin, a Behavioral Biology major, hopes to enjoy a career in psychopharmacology someday. Although he had the opportunity to play college basketball for PAC-10 schools such as Washington, Washington State, Oregon, and Oregon State, Sandlin ultimately narrowed his college choices to the University of Chicago and Hopkins.

Although Baltimore is a world away from Oregon, Sandlin is content with his choice. "I don't really miss Oregon because I'm having a pretty good time here," he said. He appreciates the friendships made from playing basketball, and this has helped his transition. "I've been having trouble thinking about why I play basketball, but I guess I enjoy hanging out with the guys the most," he said.

Isiah Sandlin gives new meaning to the words "coast to coast transition". No matter if it's in Oregon or in Baltimore, Sandlin has proven to be the man in the clutch.

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—ISIAH SANDLIN



File Photo
Isiah Sandlin changed his name when he came to Hopkins.



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Isiah Sandlin and Scott Simmons look on as JHU lost 86-61.

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Sports

No Fast Breaks For Men's Basketball

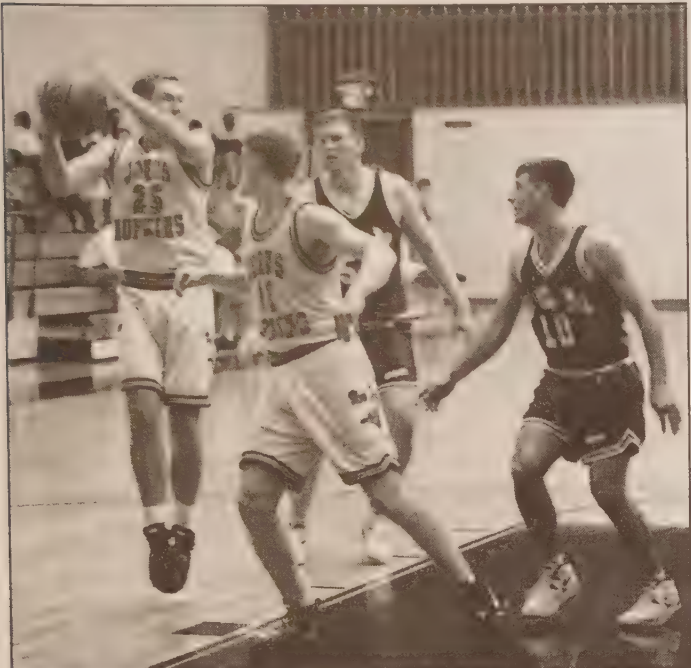
by J.B. Boritt
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

"Always look on the bright side of life." The words that ended Monty Python's "Life of Brian" are the words by which the Johns Hopkins men's basketball team will have to live to get through a very rough start to their season. The combination of injury, inexperience, and a grueling schedule have sent the Blue Jays on a four game losing streak, dropping their record to 1-6.

Last Friday Brandeis arrived at

Homewood with an undefeated record. They led the Jays by six points at the intermission, 35-29. The Judges increased their lead over the Jays in the second half, winning the contest 67-54. Freshman Greg Roehrig scored a team-leading 14 points. He was the only Hopkins player to score in double-digits. Sophomore Aaron Bevington pulled down seven rebounds for the Blue Jays.

Hopkins head coach Bill Nelson said "Other than Greg, we could not shoot the ball well. You don't win too many games when you shoot 35%."



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Aaron Bevington and Scott Simmons tried to stop Charlie Detz, Dave Janneta and the rest of the Diplomats last Tuesday.

Nelson was satisfied with his teams' ability to keep turnovers down—a problem that has plagued the Hopkins offense.

On Sunday the Blue Jays traveled to the Big Apple where they met the Violets of New York University. "We played outstanding defense," Nelson said. The Jays of Blue were even with the men of violet at halftime. However Hopkins could not hold down the NYU team for the entire second half. The Violets outscored the Blue Jays by thirteen in the second half, winning the contest 68-55. Roehrig's performance was the best of any Jay so far this season. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding with 24 points and eleven rebounds.

Tuesday brought Blue Jay's arch-rivals to the Newton H. White, Jr. gymnasium. Franklin and Marshall drove down I-83 with an undefeated record, two pre-season All-Americans, and the number one ranking in the nation for Division III. Seniors Dave Janetta and Charlie Detz earned the All-America recognition as well as a write-up in *Sports Illustrated*.

Nelson knew what to expect. "Their game plan was to go inside with both passing and penetration. With Wes, Matt (injured forwards Wes Unseld and Matt Gorman) and Tully (departed forward Mark Tully) out of there we have no depth inside. We are really young in the paint." Nelson was correct and there was little his squad could do to stop the Diplomats from scoring and scoring from in paint. Despite the ejection of their head coach Glenn Robinson for two technical fouls, F&M shot 56% from the field.

Late in the game Hopkins appeared on the verge of cutting into the Diplo-

mats solid lead. But each time Hopkins threatened to cut the F&M lead under ten, Janetta would spark his team and the Diplomats would pull away. The final score was 86-61.

There were bright spots for the Jays. Freshman Isiah Sandlin scored a team leading 19 points. He shot three of five from beyond the three point arc. Sophomore Ryan Peterson added 14 points while Roehrig scored twelve for his fourth consecutive double-digit scoring performance.

For his outstanding week, Roehrig was named to the Centennial Conference honor roll. It is this type of accomplishment that the young Blue Jay squad will have to build on. Sophomore point guard Scott Simmons said "It is disappointing to be losing but you have to look on the bright side. With the injuries a lot of young players are getting significant playing time. It is only going to make us that much better."

The Jays have suffered through a trying start to their season. Unseld is lost for the season. "Watching the games is really tough knowing I can't play," he said. Gorman will not be back until sometime in January. Tully quit the team to concentrate on his studies.

The Blue Jays have one more game before the Christmas break. The Yellowjackets will visit the Newton H. White this Friday. Nelson realizes the importance of this game. "The guys are dispirited but I hope they are not discouraged. This is a big game. We are capable of beating Rochester and that would be a great way to go into the break." As the losses add up and final exams draw closer the Blue Jays will have to look on the bright side of life.



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Freshman Evan Ellis has seen some playing time this year.

It's AL-Right

Will Charlie Brown Succeed One Day?

by Alex Limkakeng

The American Football Conference. They're a lot like Charlie Brown. Although we never fail to laugh at the inevitable result of his folly, in a way we wish he'd get to that ball just once. Why can't he get to that stupid ball before Lucy pulls it away? Or else, why doesn't he learn to just tell Lucy to go to hell and get one of those plastic football holders like other kickers have? Maybe that's what keeps us reading; the hope that we all hold, despite our better judgement, that Charlie Brown will succeed one day.

This is the situation we hold towards the AFC conference of the National Football League. Every year we tune in for a January in the hopes of seeing a competitive football game. By competitive, I mean a game in which either team has a chance of winning.

This is not what the Super Bowl has become. The Super Bowl has almost

become a formality, a showcase for advertisers to introduce their latest products and an incredibly Super-hyped media event. In terms of football, it has become the coronation ceremony for the team representing the National Football Conference. For those who have lost track, the AFC has lost the last ten (!) Super Bowls, and twelve of the last thirteen.

And yet again this year, perhaps in an attempt to make us actually watch the Super Bore, football experts are pointing to the strength of the AFC. It's true that there are some true contenders in the AFC. San Diego started out surprisingly well, with a balanced potent offense and an equally capable defense. Pittsburgh has gritted its way to a 9-3 record, thanks largely to a grinding ground game and a defense reminiscent of their Super years. In Miami, for some reason fans are rediscovering Dan Marino's talent (yes, folks, it's no fluke, he's actually good). In addition, Miami's defense is considerably better than those of years past.

They also point to the fact that in games between the AFC and the NFC, the AFC has had an even record of 20-20. Last year was the first year that the NFC hadn't won the regular season series since 1988.

However, notice that winning the regular season series did not help the AFC representative, the hapless Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl. I think that we can place this regular season

series stat in the category of Deceptive and Useless Statistics.

The fact is, the two best teams in the league currently reside in the NFC. The Cowboys present a headache for any opposing team. Let's see, they have one of the best defenses even after losing a few key players such as Tony Casillas from last year's Super D, and a potent offense which can score even when the *third string* quarterback is in charge, as was the case in the Cowboys' Thanksgiving victory. And oh yeah, they have that Emmit Smith guy, I heard he's a decent running back.

Worse yet for AFC hopefuls, there's also the San Francisco 49ers. Ever since they hired Neon Deion Sanders, they've been a rejuvenated team.

Well, some of that may have to do with Steve Young having another league-leading year, or the continued excellence of the 49er ground game despite injuries to key offensive linemen.

But here's another boost: in what may have been the Super Bowl-before-the-Super Bowl, the 49ers beat the Cowboys, thanks to a late interception by the 49er defense. Such a midseason confidence boost may be enough to vault the 49ers back into the big game for the first time since old You-know-who left town for the Kansas City Chiefs.

So in January, I, like many others will heed the summon to a TV set to watch the annual coronation. I will

grab my bag of munchies, don the colors of the AFC team, and chant "This is the year, I know it!" over and over to my TV screen.

I know that I will be howled at and feel humiliated for my foolish optimism. But I will make it a matter of principle to cheer for the underdog AFC team no matter how dire the circumstances.

And although I may end up eating these words, especially if my hometown favorite Pittsburgh makes it this year, I fear that once again, Lucy will yank the pigskin at the last second, leaving me on my back staring at her vicious grin through the haze of stars and birds in front of my eyes.

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BIA Notes

Volleyball Tournament

by Tony Tsai

On Wednesday November 30, 1994 the BIA Volleyball season continued. There were many close games in all three leagues. In the fraternity league, the early game featured FIJI vs. Beta. FIJI lost the first game 11-15, but then came back to win the next two games, and thus the match, 15-10 and 15-8. The next games, both in the independent division, were close. CSA lost the first game against John's Team 8-15, won the second game 16-14, but lost the third 8-15. The other game showcased FSA vs. VSA. FSA won 15-7, 20-18, and 15-4. VSA just ran out of gas in the third game. In the dorm league, Wolman 6/7 East faced a tough Vincent/Willard team. The first game went to 6/7 East 15-9, but V/W stormed back to win the second, 16-14. Though the third game was tight all the way, 6/7 East won 15-12.

The month of December was brought in with the continuation of BIA Volleyball. In the Independent league the Lab Rats remained undefeated, beating Team Team 15-9, 15-7. The Tigers also wound up

with a victory, but it was a much harder one to win. FSA beat the Tigers in the first game, 15-13, but lost the second 5-15. The score of the last game was the same as the first, but the results were reversed.

On Monday the early game produced an interesting match-up, SAM vs. PIKE. In all three games PIKE scored 15 points. This consistency paid off, as they won 15-17, 15-4, 15-9. In the only other game played on Monday night, Team Team beat VSA 15-10, 15-12.

None of the matches on Tuesday took more than three games. Acacia beat FIJI 15-7, 15-11, Sig Ep beat Phi Psi 15-7, 15-8, CSA beat the Tigers 16-14, 15-3, and the Lab Rats remained undefeated, winning 15-5, 15-12 over HopSFA.

Volleyball playoffs start next week, but only the top eight teams will make it. This will be the last BIA event of the semester. In the two on two Basketball Tournament this past weekend, PIKE took first in the Fraternity league and Wolman 2/3 West took first in the Dorm league. Since no teams showed up, the Independent tournament was not held.

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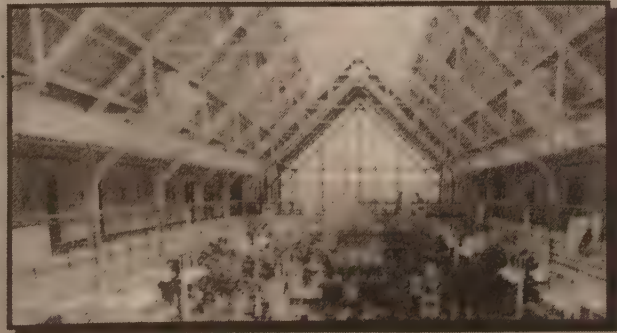
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Sports

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JHU-F&M Basketball Rivalry

by Bob Lessick

It wasn't always this way. The Johns Hopkins men's basketball fell to 1-6 Tuesday with an 86-61 loss to Franklin & Marshall, the number one ranked team in Division III. A sparse crowd witnessed the game—Hopkins did make a run at the Diplomats midway through the second half and fought valiantly against a tougher opponent.

For the last five years, the Hopkins/F&M rivalry has been quite dramatic. Here are some highlights.

February 25, 1989, Baltimore

The Blue Jays reached the conference finals and were facing a Diplomats squad that entered the game with a 24-2 record. The big story of this game was the crowd. Hopkinites really rallied around this surprising team—every available space in the Athletic Center was taken.

I still have never seen a more enthusiastic crowd for anything at Hopkins, although last week's AllNights concert came close. The Diplomats led for virtually all of the first half and took an 11 point lead into the locker room.

The Jays began the second half with an 8-0 run, and eventually built a five point lead with six minutes left in the game. In the end, Brad Markey's 27 points were too much for the Jays, who fell 71-65. Johns Hopkins was snubbed by the NCAA tournament selection committee a few days later.

March 3, 1990, Lancaster

Hopkins made the NCAA tournament as an at-large team and faced a tough road battle with F&M. As usual, a big crowd followed the team on the road—Hopkins had a big turnout ear-

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lier in the year for a game against NYU in Madison Square Garden. The Diplomats entered the game with a 40-game home winning streak. The Blue Jays ended the streak that night.

Midway through the second half, Andy Enfield hit two three pointers to break open a close game and give the Jays a seven point lead. F&M would tie the game, but sophomore Jay Gangemi hit a key three pointer to begin a 9-0 run as the Jays poured it on to go up 74-65 with four minutes left. The Diplomats would get no closer than three and Johns Hopkins advanced to the round of 16 with an 85-78 win.

February 21, 1991, Lancaster

After Hopkins ended F&M's home winning streak the previous season, the Diplomats began a new era of home domination. Since Hopkins lost out on a divisional tiebreaker to Swarthmore, the Jays were faced with the difficult task of playing F&M on the road in the conference semifinals. Surely F&M wouldn't lose two in a row at home to Johns Hopkins.

Think again. This game was not only a huge upset, but the Blue Jays totally dominated from start to finish. Led by Gangemi, Hopkins built a 23 point lead at one point in the second half. The Diplomats pulled within nine after making their final run, but the Jays walked away with an 81-71 victory. The two rivals played a rematch in the NCAA Division III tournament a week later, but F&M took that game 65-56 to advance to the round of 16.

December 8, 1992, Baltimore

Hopkins was down seven to F&M in the second half. Michael Rotay hit a three pointer and is fouled. He hit the free throw to cut the lead to three.

The Jays got the ball back and Rotay tied it with a three pointer. The Diplomats got the ball; the Jays were called for a touch foul. F&M hit one of two free throws. A driving Rotay got a pass as the Jays desperately tried to beat the clock. The shot was on line—I was sitting right behind where he shot it. A little long and the Blue Jays missed the near upset and lost by one.

Notes

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The Diplomats have lost just four times total in more than eight seasons on their home court. Two of those losses were to Johns Hopkins, both of them in playoff situations. The first Hopkins victory in Lancaster took the 1990 Jays to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in school history. The second win in '91 was a huge upset that brought Hopkins within one game of a Middle Atlantic Conference championship.



Dave Eikenberg drives around a Diplomat en route to an 85-78 win over Franklin and Marshall and the Blue Jays' 1990 appearance in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

File Photo

Texas Football Team Sets Record For Losing

by Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas—Although Alcorn State University's Heisman Trophy candidate Steve McNair may be grabbing all the headlines, he's not the only one breaking NCAA records this year in Division I-AA.

With a 52-7 loss to Jackson State on the second to last week of the season, Prairie View A&M set the new I-AA record for straight losses with 45, surpassing Columbia's previous record of 44 losses set in 1984-1988.

Prairie View A&M now has set its sights on avoiding the all-time record of 50 consecutive losses by a college football team, which was set by Division III Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., between 1974 and 1979. After going winless this year, the Panthers have to win one of their first four games next season to avoid the infamous milestone.

The Panthers' last win was Oct. 28, 1989, a 21-10 victory over Mississippi Valley State that was the Panthers'

only win of the season.

This season, the Panthers were outscored 508-100. Since the program was reinstated in 1991, Prairie View has been outscored 1,926 to 280.

"It's hard to take because our kids work just as hard, if not harder, than anyone's," says head football coach Ron Beard. "It's not easy trying to break this string, but our players aren't going to give up."

The football situation hasn't always been as bleak at the Texas school, where the Panthers have won five black college national championships and have graduated a long list of players to NFL teams. The 1964 Prairie View Panthers went undefeated, but the team's fall from Division I-AA prominence came soon after. In the 20 years since that undefeated season, the team has notched only 15 victories.

In 1990, the football program was completely cut, along with the rest of the school's varsity sports, after Prairie View's new president decided to slash the school's budget in response to slumping enrollment.

The varsity programs were rein-

stated in 1991, after the athletic department agreed not to offer scholarships to prospective students. All teams are comprised of walk-ons. In fact, Prairie View is the only school in the Southwestern Athletic Conference that doesn't offer a single scholarship in any of its 15 sports.

Beard was the defensive coordinator when the team captured its last victory against Mississippi Valley State in '89 and strongly campaigned to bring the program back after it was cut in 1990.

Despite the lack of scholarship players, which Beard says he thought would be only a temporary move by the school's administration, the head coach still is ready to bring the football program back into contention.

"We're competing with schools who have scholarship players," he says. "That right there is enough to make us the underdog."

The 1991 and 1992 seasons were brutal, as the team lost games by an average of 50 points each week. The 1993 season was better, but the Panthers still remained stuck in the winless column.

The majority of this year's losses weren't even close. Prairie View dropped its final game to Alabama-Birmingham by a score of 48-6. In October, they lost to Tarleton 70-20. In September, McNair and Alcorn State each scored 69 points against the Panthers.

But despite the blow-outs, the Panthers have had their share of close calls and just-missed triumphs.

Earlier this season, Prairie View trailed Texas Southern by seven points when a Panther defender intercepted a pass and ran 95 yards for what would have been the game-tying touchdown. The play was called back, however, for defensive holding. The game ended with the Panthers two yards from Texas Southern's goal line. The team later found out that the clock had been running when it shouldn't have, during time-outs and after out-of-bounds plays during the fourth quarter.

Against Mississippi Valley, Prairie View was down 14-10 with four minutes left in the game. The Panthers were driving and were on Mississippi Valley's 27-yard line when the ball popped out of their running back's hands and into the arms of a defender, sealing another loss.

Beard, who has a career record of 0-44, says he often thinks about the close calls, but takes some comfort in knowing that Prairie View's first victory will be a result of nothing but hard work.

"You couldn't find a cleaner program than ours because we can't give

anything away," he says. "But even without scholarships, there are still ways to cheat. We won't do that. I can still look in the mirror and know that I'm doing the best job I can legally do."

Despite the record, the stands at Blackshear Field are usually filled to capacity with 6,500 Prairie View A&M fans. The team is lucky enough to have what most consider the best marching band in the SWAC, which accounts for the mass exodus to the exits when the second half begins.

"Our fans have been supportive but people come to games to see their team win, so of course they're disappointed," Beard says. "They do support the team because I think they know the odds we're up against."

But Prairie View alums aren't quite as understanding. Letters to the local papers have been critical of the once-proud program, and many supporters of the team openly state they only come to the games to see the marching band.

Still, a move to Division II or III at this time seems unlikely. Beard says that Prairie View alumni think it's more honorable to play traditional rivals like Southern and Grambling each year and lose than to drop to a lesser division.

Unfortunately, most of the complaints from the alumni ring hollow anyway, Beard says, noting that when a fund-raising letter was mailed to 30,000 alumni, the school received less than 150 responses.

So the program perseveres, albeit on a fraction of the budget allotted by most schools. "I hear coaches gripe about money problems, and I think they don't know how lucky they are," Beard says. "There is no way we can match up to other Division I-AA schools. It's not even close."

Prairie View's football team gets \$185,000 of the athletic department's \$846,000 budget. In comparison, SWAC foe Grambling spends close to \$1 million each year on football alone and awards 65 football scholarships.

Prairie View's athletic department personnel feel the crunch as well. In addition to his head coaching duties, Beard coaches the women's and men's golf teams, handles most of the football team's administrative tasks and teaches seven courses—all included in his \$51,000 salary.

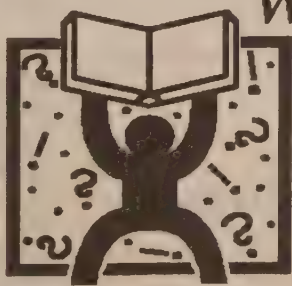
But Beard and his players continue their struggle for the purest of reasons. "Our kids came to Prairie View to get an education. We can't give them anything, not even a pencil," the coach says. "They play here because they want to be here. They love the game of football. And whether you win or lose, that's sometimes reason enough."

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Science

Cancer Research: Another Breakthrough

by Jessica Karl
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

A team of researchers led by Dr. William G. Nelson, assistant professor of oncology and urology at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center recently discovered a genetic defect that may impede the body's ability to defend itself against carcinogens in prostate cancer. The research was published in the November 21 issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The finding is one of profound importance, as prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer in American males. Roughly 165,000 men are diagnosed with the disease every year, 38,000 of which die from it. As with most oncological cases, there are many variables which may affect vulnerability to the disease. Geography and diet are two possible contributors to the risks associated with prostate cancer, though substantial proof remains to be provided. Fortunately, modern research technology facilitates the investigation and manipulation of tumorigenic conditions on the molecular level. From this information, scientists have been increasingly able to speculate on the effects of variable external conditions on cancer.

Dr. Nelson's study entailed the analysis of 91 prostate cancer tissue samples obtained from autopsies and biopsies of men with the disease. In each of the 91 samples, the same defective DNA was found. Such changes in the chemical composition of DNA alter the production of proteins, particularly enzymes, specific to that strand. In this case, a chemical change takes place in the DNA molecule which causes enzymatic production to deviate from normal homeostatic conditions.

The genetic defect discovered inhibits the production of an enzyme called glutathione-S-transferase (GHT-ST). This enzyme belongs to a family of enzymes with anticarcinogenic properties. This particular enzyme is the major detoxifying enzyme in the body. Without the presence of GHT-ST, cells have the tendency to become cancerous. In fact, 88 of the 91 samples studied did not contain GHT-ST. Glutathione-S-transferase also plays a role in the formation of the steroid hormone prostaglandin, the production of which is a key function of the prostate gland.

The origin of this genetic defect is not hereditary, according to Dr. Nelson's study, because it does not involve a genetic mutation. The mo-

lecular alteration in the DNA does not involve a change in the sequence of base nucleotides (the "building blocks" of DNA), which is characteristic of a mutation. Instead, the gene possesses an excessive amount of methyl groups, types of "chemical appendages". These groups are most likely responsible for the inhibited production of GHT-ST.

The discovery of this genetic defect has important implications for future research in oncology. For example, knowledge about the protection mechanisms of dietary anticarcinogens may be of importance in devising appropriate strategies for the prevention of tumors. In 1992, Dr. Paul Talalay, a molecular pharmacologist at Johns Hopkins University, determined possible preventative qualities of certain foods. He demonstrated that cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli and brussels sprouts contain a myriad of structurally diverse chemicals capable of affecting tumorigenicity.

Likewise, Dr. B. H. Lee of the German Cancer Research Center determined that cruciferous vegetables contain substances which activate glutathione-S-transferase. "I don't think we could advise anyone to go out and eat nothing but brussels sprouts," Dr. Nelson told the *Philadelphia Enquirer*, "but I think it is a clue that we'll chase after very aggressively."

The amount of fat in the diet may also play a role in the advent of prostate cancer. Studies have shown that Chinese and Japanese men, whose diets tend to be low in fat, have lower rates of prostate cancer than American men. Interestingly, it has been found that Japanese men who have moved to the United States and modified their diets accordingly, enter into a higher risk pool. Dr. P. Van Bladeren of the Institute of Toxicology in the Netherlands has found that if 30% of the saturated fat in the diet is replaced by unsaturated fat, glutathione-S-transferase activity is increased.

The genetic discovery made by Dr. Nelson's lab has provided the basis for exciting and revolutionary advancements in molecular genetics and oncology. He speculates that the nature of the defect may be conducive to treatment with drugs. The discovery also raises critical questions concerning the effects of the environment and lifestyle on cancer risk. The defect itself is still being thoroughly researched. Dr. Nelson stated, in a phone interview with the *Washington Post*, "I think the key is, are we going to be clever enough to figure out what [the defect] means?"

Professor Paul McHugh Addresses Hopkins

Director of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital Discusses Repressed Memory Syndrome

by Jeanette Krolkowski
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

The only Welch Lecture of the semester, featuring Dr. Paul McHugh, Henry Phipps, Professor and Director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, took place on Monday, November 21 at 7:30. Dr. McHugh faced a capacity crowd in the Great Hall, and addressed his topic "The Contemporary Witch Craze: The Repressed Memory Chaos".

The Welch lecture, sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, brought together members of the East Baltimore campus and the Homewood campus. Dr. McHugh's background includes education at Cambridge and Harvard Universities, and a medical degree earned at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. McHugh is best known for his articles regarding his vast hands-on experience in the psychiatric field, which encompass not only clinical cases, but also legal cases. His talk discussed the contemporary issues of psychotherapy, the repressed memory issue, child abuse, and the problems with believing repressed memories, which result in the apparent "craze". He became interested in this topic years ago when he was consulted on a legal case involving a naval officer who was accused by his daughter of sexual abuse. The case was already in court when Dr. McHugh was consulted, and the different facets of the case fascinated him. The young woman claimed to have 69 personalities, and she also claimed to have been sexually abused when she was younger three times a week. Throughout the ongoing psychiatric therapy of this girl, it was found out that not only was she bulimic, but had problems dealing with authority, especially with her mother. Through her diary, she was also found to be suicidal and talked about her strained relationship with her mother. The outcome of this case was the splitting of the jury, but the most remarkable aspect of the case was that three weeks later, the girl retracted her entire story. All along, the doctors thought it was a classical multiple personalities case, but that turned out not to be the underlying psychological problem.

Because of this case, Dr. McHugh became interested in the issue of repressed memory. The idea of repressed memory is a new idea, and is about 25 years old. Its origins are in popular literature, with the popularity of such books as "Sybil," "Communion," and "Michelle Remembers." Since the publication of these works, thousands of people have identified with the characters, and have been subsequently diagnosed with repressed memory syndrome. The problem is that there are holes in the basic stories of these books.

"Communion" proposed that thousands of people were being sexually abused by aliens, and "Michelle Remembers" tells of satanic ritual sexual abuse. Neither of these proposed scenarios has ever been proven, and people identify with these books simply as part of the "witch craze."

The clinical way to determine if indeed there is repressed sexual abuse is to first test memories and then test the truth/historical abuse of these memories. If there are actual memories, and they are found to be true, then this is a real case of sexual abuse. If there are memories, but they are found not to be valid, then it is a false alarm. If there truly was abuse, but no memory, this is seen as forgotten abuse, and if there are no memories and no truth to abuse, then the person is unaffected.

The gray areas in these diagnoses develop regarding whether or not the memories are real and truthful, and whether or not the case should truly be considered a case of sexual abuse or a false alarm. Reasons for doubt of this repressed sexual abuse are retraction of the memories later on, the fact that memories were produced under hypnosis, and the improbable scenario of the abuse (abuse remembered when patient was in diapers). The presence of these factors do not disprove the

belief, but suggest that the case needs to be investigated further. A lot of the repressed memories of sexual abuse often are proved untrue. The "witch craze" occurs when these cases of repressed abuse rise to incredible numbers.

Out of 15 patients that Dr. McHugh had, 60% accused father of sexual abuse, 30% accused mother, and 10% accused another person. These numbers are hard to believe because mothers rarely, if ever, engage in pedophilic behavior. Another telling comment of the patient and hears the comment "I am not an investigator, it is not my responsibility to verify the accuracy of my client's report."

This signifies a very irresponsible handling of the case by the therapist, because there should be a strong attempt by the therapist to verify the abuse and classify it as true abuse or a false alarm. False memory syndrome is a condition created by the patient for a purpose. It is not the real psychiatric problem. It is a socially constructed artifact that contains the ingredients of personality, mental distress, and cultural idioms. It also has the purpose of the life story as explanation and justification of behavior, and an explanation

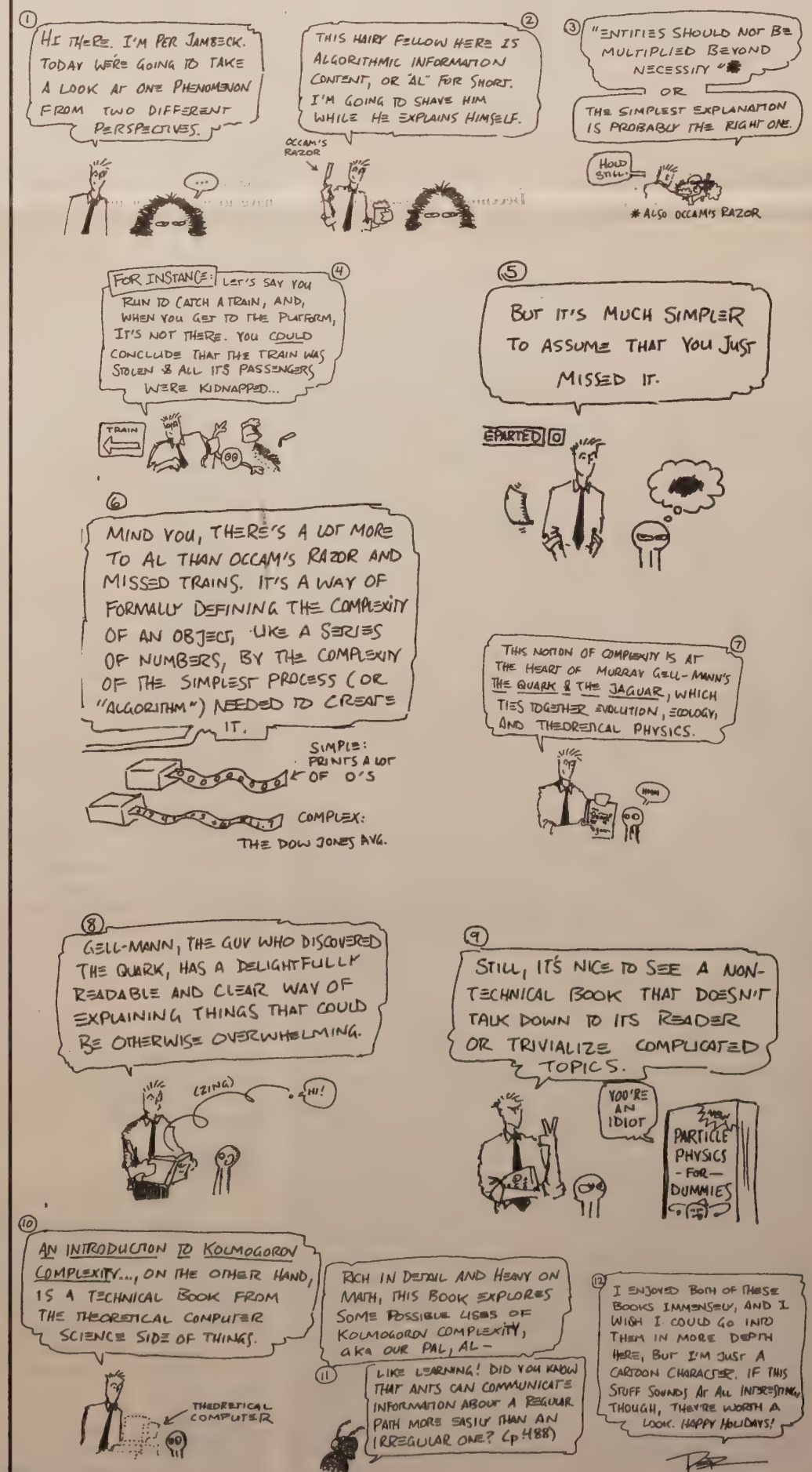
of the experienced mental distress.

Therapists are often irresponsible when treating patients who have this kind of behavior. They often encourage the patient to elicit a multiple personalities or create memories just because they feel correct. The patients themselves feel like they are making memories up, but the therapists tell them not to worry if their memories are factual or not. This leads to the "witch craze," the belief in a population that something is going on, but the truth is never ascertained. Dr. McHugh feels like the trend of remembering "repressed memories" is on the decline. The "witch craze" could subside with the implementation of therapy involving confirmation of memories, attention of underlying psychiatric disorders (this includes depression or other problems that cause the multiple personalities), and the turning away from radical therapy such as hypnosis and suggestive workbooks. In his own words, "This is an intriguing time in psychiatry, a time of confusion."

The lecture on the whole was very informative, entertaining, and at times, humorous. Dr. McHugh talked in a frank manner about psychiatry, but was not shy about calling ideas preposterous or even criticizing aspects of his own field.

Complexity Made Simple

And if You Believe That, I've Got a Couple of Books to Sell You



The Quark and the Jaguar, by Murray Gell-Mann, is published by W.H. Freeman and Co., 1994. An Introduction to Kolmogorov Complexity and Its Applications, by Ming Li and Paul Vitanyi, is published by Springer-Verlag in their "Texts and Monographs in Computer Science" series, 1993.

Science Briefs

Baltimore: The City that is Lit?

The state of Maryland has decided to shine ten spotlight beams from the top of the World Trade Center in downtown Baltimore. The beams on top of the 28-story building are supposed to be turned on December 31. However, this project is drawing criticism from the community.

The president of the Baltimore Astronomical Society expressed concerns about the light taking the stars away from everybody within a ten mile radius. Dr. Richard Henry, of the Rowland Department of Physics at JHU, has asked that the lighting idea be reconsidered because it might dim the view from the rooftop observatory on the Homewood campus.

Other concerns are those of wildlife conservationists. The lights are expected to distract migrating song birds at night and will become a death trap for the birds. The birds are attracted in great numbers to the light, which may cause them to hit the surrounding buildings and fall to their death. The birds might also congest so tightly in the beams that they bump into each other and again fall to their deaths.

The designer of the project, Ray Grenald, was concerned about the safety of the birds but stated that the lights could be turned off during migrating season. Grenald also thought that the beams would come nowhere near Hopkins and, if there were problems, the beams could be turned off or redirected.

However, this project does fly in the face of the national effort to reduce light pollution, the unnecessary illumination over cities. A few individuals have asked the Maryland Port Commission to hold a public hearing on the project before the lights are turned on.

—Gaston Smith

Top Producers of Chemists

A recent issue of Chemical & Engineering news found that UCLA, Cornell University, and UC Berkeley produced the most number of bachelor's, masters, and Ph.D. chemists for the 1992-1993 academic year. The top five in bachelor degrees were 1. UCLA 2. Indiana U, Bloomington 3. NC State University 4. U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 5. UNC, Chapel Hill. The top six in Masters were 1. Cornell U 2. Northwestern 3. CUNY, City College 4. Harvard U 5. U of Rochester 6. Johns Hopkins University. The top five in Doctoral degrees were 1. UC, Berkeley 2. MIT 3. Texas A&M U 4. Purdue U 5. UCLA.

—Fred Jameson

Former JHU Post Doc Wins ACS Award

The American Chemical Society, ACS, gave Dr. Donna L. Bedard of General Electric the 1995 ACS Award

for Creative Advances in Environmental Science & Technology. Dr. Bedard proved that PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, can be degraded and dechlorinated by naturally occurring microorganisms.

Dr. Bedard earned a B.S. in Biology from Tufts University, a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and did postdoctoral research at the University of Rochester for a year before coming to Hopkins in 1975. She finished her postdoc research in 1976 and remained at Hopkins as a research associate until 1978.

—F.J.

Hopkins Courting Managed Care

The Johns Hopkins Health System and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine have formed a joint venture that will allow them to pursue managed-care contracts and provide support services for physicians. The limited liability company, Johns Hopkins HealthCare, will allow the formerly separate health system and university to speak with one voice in developing relationships with managed-care companies, said Nancy Bray, vice president for managed care for Johns Hopkins HealthCare.

Johns Hopkins HealthCare will assist physicians in establishing primary care practices, help existing practices with billing, collection, and staff support.

—Marjan Nadimi

Home for the Holidays

Focus

Origins of Three Original Holidays: X-mas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa



Monroe S. Frederick, II/Courtesy of Morgan State University, Public Relations Department
"The Drum" performed at the Kwanzaa celebration held at Morgan State University on Saturday, December 3, 1994.

Cultural Significance of Kwanzaa

by Jipsen Risee

Although Kwanzaa is a 28 year-old African American tradition, if one were to ask people what they knew about it, they would probably answer, "Well, I've heard of it." So, in an attempt to correct some of this ignorance, the following is a brief description of the meaning of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday celebrated from December 26 to January 1. The word itself is of Kiswahili origin meaning "first." The holiday was created by an African American teacher by the name of Maulana Karenga in 1966. The purpose of this festival is to remind and teach Black people about their history and heritage. It lasts for seven days and has themes for each day.

Day one is *Umoja*, which means unity, union and staying together. It is a time for family, community, and race unity. Day two is *Kujichagulia*, the statement of self, and is defined as self-determination. *Kujichagulia* is the act and process of Black people defining, naming, creating, and speaking for themselves. The third day is *Ujima*, when African Americans work together as a community for the benefit of their community. *Ujima* means to help each other or working together. The fourth day is called *Ujamaa*,

when economic self-sufficiency is stressed, and Black people who build and maintain the businesses and economic well-being of their own community are appreciated. *Ujamaa* means buying from one another. Day five is *Nia*, the progression and struggle towards building the Black community to the level of respect and the heights achieved by their ancestors. The word *Nia* signifies a people who actualize their fullest extent of greatness, a people of purpose. *Kuumba* is the sixth day which celebrates the act of doing as much as possible for the Black community in order to maintain and further it to a state as good as (and hopefully better than) that of the past and present. *Kuumba* means the creation of ways to better the community. The last day of Kwanzaa is *Imani*, which is the continual and fervent belief of Black people in Black people: in their parents, teachers, leaders, and preachers.

This, of course, is only a part of the entire celebration, but it is enough to show that this holiday is one worth celebrating. If anyone wishes to find out more on Kwanzaa, there are many books available as well as people to ask and find out. People should enrich themselves, and the Kwanzaa celebration is a perfect means of doing so during the holiday season in this ever-growing commercial society.

Christmas Celebrations Range From the Secular to the Religious

by Shreya Parikh and Suman Sood
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Christmas (derived from the Old English *Cristes maesse* meaning Christ's mass) is celebrated by Christians across the globe in memory of the birth of Jesus Christ. As told by the Bible, Joseph, the carpenter, and his wife, Mary, had traveled to Bethlehem in order to fulfill the Roman request for a census. Although, they lived in Nazareth, all citizens were required to return to the land of their forefathers; for Joseph, this was Bethlehem. At the time, his newly-wed wife, Mary, was pregnant by divine intervention. However, upon reaching the city, all inns were filled due to the rush of visitors, and Mary began to have labor pains. Thus, baby Jesus was born in the simple setting of a quiet stable. Since AD 336 (in Rome), Christians have recognized Christmas as a joyful reminder of God coming to earth in the form of a man.

However, at the same time, many of the traditions now part of Christmas have secular origins. The date, for example, is not certain. Originally, the eastern regions of the Roman empire celebrated the birth of Christ as well as his baptism by John the Baptist on January 6. This was intended to commemorate both the Christ's spiritual and physical birth. However, there was some controversy as Jerusalem refused to celebrate the baptism. Possibly, this was due to the fact that the water-based ceremony could be related to the Egyptian ceremony of blessing the Nile and sending cisterns of holy water down its channels to shrines of Isis worldwide (which occurred on the same day). Meanwhile, in the west, January 6 was described as Epiphany, in which Christians commemorated the three wise men who traveled to see the infant Christ and bore gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Finally, between 360 and 450 AD, Alexandria, Rome, Constantinople, and Antioch gradually transferred the celebration to December 25. Many speculate that this date was chosen as it corresponds to the winter solstice (the shortest day of the year) and the pagan festivals worshipping the sun. The change is believed to have been used to combat pagan Greco-Roman feelings for the sun; Christmas, a reli-

gious celebration replaced the key festival of the Mithra cult that was held on December 25. This cult was based on the worship of the Persian god Mithras; they celebrated Brumalia, the feast of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun, with great pomp and feasting. Not surprisingly, the far off churches of the East rejected this move of the Christmas feast, saying that it was nothing more than indulging sun worship and idolatry. To this day, the Armenian Church still celebrates the birth of Christ on January 6th.

Due to its new date, Christmas absorbed some secular traditions. For example, the lights, greenery, and gift-giving can be attributed to the traditions of the Roman New Year. Some rituals are also reminiscent of Brumalia. In addition, the Germans and Celtic Yules were later to contribute the connotations of food and good fellowship. Also, the fires and lights to them symbolized warmth and lasting light, while evergreens were a show of survival. These pagan customs were to become a part of the secular traditions that make up Christmas as it is known today.

Last, but certainly not least, is the myth of Santa Claus. This story was initially created by the followers of Saint Nicholas. Although not a truly historical figure, Saint Nicholas was rumored to have performed such miracles as reviving three children who had been chopped up by a butcher and placed in a basin of brine. Furthermore he is widely believed to have thrown fruits and sweets out his window on December 6. During a time of poverty, this was a generous and kind act appreciated by many. After the Reformation, however, the ideal of Saint Nicholas seemed to disappear, except in Holland. There, the myth persisted under the Dutch variant of Saint Nicholas, *Sinterklaas*. Later, when the Dutch colonized New Amsterdam, they brought this myth with them to the New World. There, it was to merge with old Nordic folktales of a magician who used to reward the good and punish the naughty children. Thus, in the nineteenth century, the traditional sense of Santa Claus emerged in the United States. This idea has since spread throughout Europe, often under such different names as the United Kingdom's Father Christmas, a reli-



Craig Terkowitz/Courtesy of The Baltimore Jewish Times
While a game, the spinning dreidel has historical importance.

Chanukah Rooted in History

by News-Letter Staff

Chanukah, though a relatively minor religious holiday in the Jewish faith, is celebrated throughout the community. Its origins are linked to the history of Ancient Greece. During the second century BC, in an attempt to fuse his realm into a homogenous kingdom, Antiochus of Syria demanded total loyalty to Greek culture from all of the national and religious groups in his domain. The Jewish people, were forbidden, under penalty of death, to observe the precepts of Judaism. However, they defied Antiochus and emerged in history as the first martyrs for freedom of conscience and religion. Eventually, the army of the Maccabees, led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, defeated the Syrian army. They then recaptured the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been raided and defiled by the Syrians. The Maccabees thus cleansed and rededicated the Sanctuary to God. Although they had found a cruse of oil with enough fuel for only one day, miraculously the Menorah of the Temple continued to burn for eight days.

In remembrance of this occasion, Chanukah, the "Festival of Dedication," is observed each year for eight days. The festival begins on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev on the Jewish calendar in order to commemorate the Jewish fighters who rested on this day after the battle with the Syrian-Greeks.

Traditions during this holiday are based strongly upon the history behind it. The most significant of these is the lighting of candles on a Menorah. This ceremony is usually performed with reverence and solemnity, which lends a beautiful and impressive air to the festival. The Menorah is placed near a window in public view so as "to publicize the miracle." One candle is lit on each of the eight days and placed from left to right in the Menorah. Usually the ceremony occurs after sunset except during the Sabbath. A *shamash* (auxiliary candle) is used to light the candles in the Menorah, and a blessing is recited after each lighting. In this way, the miracle of Chanukah is not forgotten.

In addition, people often eat Latkis or potato pancakes fried in oil in order to remind the celebrators of the miracle of the oil. Doughnuts are also enjoyed by some for the same reason.

Many also play a game called Dreydel. Players spin the dreydel (a top-like game piece with four faces) and win or lose depending on which face is up. However, the four letters on the dreydel also have a deeper meaning. They stand for "nes gadol haya sham" which means "A great miracle happened there." Chanukah is clearly a special and enjoyable season, especially in its meaning and celebration.

The Jewish College Services Contributed to this Article.

Christmas

The Universal Holiday

by Suman Sood
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Every Christmas morning, since I was very little, my brother and I have crept out of our rooms at the crack of dawn and rushed downstairs to see what "Santa" had brought us. After gulping down the mandatory tall glass of milk (my parents were very big on calcium), we fell onto the presents in childish fits of glee and marveled that the cookies we had left behind for Santa all seemed to be gone. Even the realization that Santa did not technically exist did not spoil our enjoyment of Christmas. Coming from a Hindu background, I wondered occasionally about who this Jesus person was, and why he seemed to spend so much time lying around in mangers, but it never seriously affected my life. And it still doesn't.

Being Hindu means that all of our important holidays, such as Diwali and Holi, are celebrated in the middle of the school year, when things are at their toughest. The same is true for many other non-Christian religions, such as the Jewish Hanukkah and the Moslem Eid. With so many holy days that are impossible to observe as a family, we celebrate a conglomeration of holidays in the celebration of Christmas. At last, on December 25, our entire family is together for a day, with nothing urgently due and no place to go. We celebrate our togetherness simply in the manner of most Christians and non-Christians alike: we give each other gifts.

This giving of gifts is not for any religious reason; it is simply an excuse to appreciate one another and take part in the festive spirit of December. Our "materialist" celebrations do not spoil the beauty of Christmas or trivialize its religious significance—we are simply not interested in that aspect of the day. Christmas as a religious holiday is isolated to those of the Christian

faith; Christmas as a commercial celebration unites all of America in a nationwide celebration. I buy Christmas presents for my friends and loved ones for the same reason that I buy them birthday presents: the sheer thrill of giving (and receiving!) gifts.

You could argue that I fall prey to the lures of shopkeepers and the massive ad campaigns. Shopping centers are teeming with people, selflessly (although sometimes desperately) searching for the perfect gift. Santa is set up with his elves in the middle of the mall, mugging for the camera with the neighborhood children. The Salvation Army volunteers are incessantly ringing their bells, collecting donations so that the Christmases of less fortunate people can be as happy as the lucky shoppers. And for an entire month, people dress up in red and green and smile as they pass each other by on the streets. Sure it's cheesy. But I don't care. To me, that's what Christmas is all about. The happiness, the laughter, and the shopping. It has nothing to do with Christianity—it's just a particularly blithe way of thinking and a certain convivial spirit in the air.

Take away the cheesy commercial part of Christmas and what do you have left? A holiday that cannot be appreciated and enjoyed by a goodly number of people. A nationwide celebration of giving reduced to puritanical Christian church-going. Historically, the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ was transferred to the 25th of December to take advantage of the ancient Greco-Roman worship of the sun; Christmas was originally the celebration of the winter solstice, coming from Brumalia, the feast of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun. Although there is no denying the Christian aspect of the holiday, only through this commercial celebration can Christmas still be enjoyed and celebrated as universally today as it was in ancient times.

This Year's 'Top Ten' in Cheap, Easy Gifts

by Stella Hwang
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

- The holiday season—a time of high spirits, infectious cheer, and bloody battles in mall parking lots. Don't get me wrong; I love the holiday season as much as the next bitter, underpaid mall elf whose striped stockings cling too tightly in the wrong places. Nevertheless, as a general rule of thumb, I try to avoid all situations where I may come into contact with conventional holiday shoppers and bad renditions of "Winter Wonderland," as sung by the recording sensation, Baby Jesus and the Three Wise Men.
- So as a service to the community, I hereby present a slew of suggestions for the less-than-enthusiastic gift-giver who wishes to save a few bucks and maintain their tenuous hold on reality.
- Toilet Paper**
Cost: free
The perfect gift for any member of the family, and extremely easy to obtain if you live in the dorms. When that January blizzard hits their homes, your relatives will be thinking of you while they're trapped like rats.
 - Pamphlets**
Cost: free
Grab a few the next time you're at a doctor's office or one of the myriad of Jersey Turnpike rest areas. Give such classics as "Virginia's Natural Bridge" and "How to Give a Self-Examination for Breast Cancer" this holiday season. With such a variety of topics, there's sure to be something for everyone. Enlighten your close friends and remind them that "Knowledge is power."
 - Glow-in-the-Dark Slugs**
Cost: \$ 6.30/herd of 14
One of the more expensive items on this list, these slugs are definitely worth the cost. Not only can they be ordered by mail through the Archie McPhee catalog (you don't even have to leave the house), these little won-



- ders of the animal kingdom are a steal—a whopping 14 slugs for under \$7. Fourteen slugs, 14 satisfied relatives and friends. You just can't lose with rubber mollusks. And they glow in the dark too!
- Their Mail**
Cost: free
Easiest to do if you live with them and share a mailbox. Intercept all mail sent to them. Then, give them all their mail wrapped in beautiful gift wrap and topped off with a cheerful velvety bow. They'll thank you in ways that I can't describe when they finally re-

- ceive their overdue bills.
- Duct Tape**
Cost: \$ 4.78/120 yd roll
Need I say more?
(Note: I would like to take this time to thank the employees at Hechinger's on Pulaski Highway for lending a holiday hand and checking the price of duct tape for me on a busy Monday evening. Thanks guys!)
- Au Naturel Potpourri**
Cost: free
For those last minute holiday parties when you just didn't have time to

- shop. Simply fill a box with rocks, twigs, and decomposing leaves, and wrap. Sure to fit in with anyone's concept of a environment-friendly holiday, this completely organic gift has an aroma that says "I care about the Earth."
- Marshmallow-less Lucky Charms**
Cost: free (get cereal from Wolman)
Once you obtain the cereal, the rest is easy! Go through and eat all the colored marshmallows, leaving only the crunchy wholesome bits. Show that you care about their dietary intake. Their colons will thank you.
- Photograph of Amish Person**
Cost: minimal
As easy as 1-2-3. 1. Dress up like an Amish person. 2. Take a picture of yourself. 3. Give picture to a loved one as gift, saying, "I've captured someone's soul, and I'm giving it to you." Instant gratification as you watch their eyes light with a joyous glow.
- Twist Ties**
Cost: free
Can be given straight as a creative building set (Legos and Tinker Toys have nothing that these little babies haven't got), or twisted into the design or creature of your choice. Twist ties—the gift that keeps on giving. I personally recommend the twist ties from Giant—festive red color with long-lasting twistability.
See also: Plastic Bags (below) for a gift combination
- Plastic Bags**
Cost: free
Remember how much fun you had with a simple plastic bag when you were a kid? I know I did. Just a short trip to any grocery store, and you have gifts for any younger cousins and tutorial children.
Warning: Do not leave small children unattended with this gift. Bag may cause restriction of breathing, suffocation, asphyxiation, and eventual death. Happy holidays!

Home for the Holidays

Focus

‘If We Took a Holiday...’ Students, Faculty Share Their Holiday Traditions

by Shreya Parikh
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

For some, the holiday season may seem dreary and repetitive. Images of huge crowds in shopping malls, and the raucous calls of greeting cards, fruitcakes, potato pancakes, etc. make many cringe in horror. However, for others the holiday season is a time of peace and tradition, where families come together to celebrate a season of hope and giving. Whether it be Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or any other festival, the reason for the season is found within the traditions and feelings of those celebrating. Hopkins students and faculty are preparing for the season with some of their own brands of tradition.

Some students are just looking forward to the end of finals. To Hopkinites such as David Morlitz, the holiday season simply means "Going Home!" The holiday hype may be exciting and spirited, but leaving school and the associated stress remains the most popular part of the season.

Others have very simple but meaningful celebrations based on family and friends. For undergraduate Rich DeWitt, this means decorating the tree with his family and then "Everyone gets their picture taken in front of the tree." Another student, Sumi Sood and her family also capture the warmth of Christmas at home. "Whenever I get home from school, we put up Christmas lights, turn off all the lights, and watch the *Sound of Music* until we keel over in exhaustion." Some others enjoy Christmas by going out with the family. John McCoy sometimes goes to hear Handel's *Messiah* at the John Harms Center.

However, things can also be a little more elaborate. Houses such as those on 34th Street join together to light up the neighborhood and give onlookers a dose of the season. Sophomore Munfarah Hossain, one year, while practicing their family tradition of driving around Long Island to see the Christmas lights noticed Santa Claus going to the bathroom in a bush! Now, she says that every year "We always go by the same spot and laugh!" Salil Soman describes that within his family, Christmas lights can be a rather painstaking process. "My dad and I set up lights all around the house. It's about a two-day ordeal; my dad puts up scaffolding everywhere and our neighbors think our house is falling over."

In addition to Christmas, many have recently enjoyed the end of Chanukah. Although, as Eli Konvitz points out, this holiday is actually in the Jewish faith a "minor" festival; it does correspond to such days as Christmas and Kwanzaa and is thus brought to the forefront of everyday society. In his family, as well as in many other Eastern European Jews, Chanukah includes such foods as potato pancakes and blitzes.

Of course, gifts are also a nice part of the festivities, and according to Konvitz, they have come a long way since the last generations. "Back then, you only got maybe a penny a night." Another student described her family tradition as a youth when each child would get a garbage bag full of gifts. "We never did the eight days of Chanukah; we did it all at once." In addition to the gifts and food, many also celebrate by lighting the Menorah every night and singing songs. Under-

graduate Alison Greenberg explains that one of her family traditions is to "sing song in Hebrew which have been passed down through the generations."

Professors are also preparing for the season, planning their own holiday traditions. For Dr. Ana Maria Snell, this is based upon her religious beliefs. "I prefer to give presents on the twelfth day of Christmas, the day of the Reyes (kings)." The day of the Reyes commemorates the traveling kings who came to bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Christ. Dr. Snell feels that the tradition of giving gifts on December 25th is a "collapse of the commercial with the religious."

Contrary to popular rumors, Dr. Lawrence Principe will not be calculating grades on Christmas morning, but like many others, will be enjoying the season. As he is of Italian descent, Dr. Principe smiled as he remarked, "Most of my traditions revolve around food." Christmas Eve, in Italy, is considered a day of abstinence, and all meat is avoided. In replacement, the eve of Christmas includes a variety of dishes made from *baccala*, a dry, salted cod with the appearance of plywood. Although seemingly unpalatable, the fish is soaked for three days prior to eating and then prepared in a variety of unique ways including salads and frying. This meal, coming only once of year, is a tradition cherished by many including Dr. Principe. The following day, of course, remains a day of gorging, especially on desserts like *panettone* (sweetened bread with raisins and orange peel) and "for the Anglophiles, plum pudding."

Students of other countries also have many different traditions for the holidays. Some parts of Finland, for ex-



File Photo

Houses such as those along 34th St. traditionally light up the streets during the Holiday Season.

ample, await the coming of the Christmas Goat, who rides through the streets on a bicycle bearing gifts for children. Possibly a little less obscure is the Puerto Rican tradition of "parrandas." Eric Maldonado explains that this "is a kind of Christmas caroling, but it's done during the wee hours of the morning." Families are often awoken at times such as 4 a.m. by the caroling of traditional Puerto Rican songs by their friends, neighbors, and relatives. Then,

after the family has arisen, and the carolers have been given food and refreshments, all are expected to take up the quest of awakening their friends and neighbors with song.

Although Christmas is based upon Christianity, the myths of Santa Claus and Saint Nicholas are respected by many. Marlo Corrao, instead of hanging a stocking on Christmas Eve, does so on December 6. This celebrates the kindness of Saint Nicholas who is

thought to have left sweets and gifts in children's shoes. Believed to live in a time when gifts and pleasures were seldom, St. Nicholas brought joy to many people, just as Santa Claus does today.

At Hopkins, students and faculty alike celebrate a number of different holidays in a number of different ways. During, the holiday season, no tradition can be too silly, too strange, or even too boring.

Deck the Malls with Boughs of Folly

A Student's Perspective of the Holiday Shopping Season: 'Throat or Be Throated'

by Joe McKelvey
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

...Ahhh, with good ole Bing belting out that whole White Christmas thing over the supermarket intercom, it must be that wonderfully joyous time of year again. Of course, like every other year, I am trying frantically to cram the whole holiday season into the evening of December 23rd after cramming my whole semester into the last week or so.

First off, I must somehow fight through the Giant to get a lovely twenty pound Tom turkey. What could be more fun! After fending off numerous men and women filled with the Christmas spirit trying to play demolition derby through the automatic doors, I maneuver my three wheeled cart (there is a fourth wheel, but, as with most carts, it seems to like to screech and howl and be generally counterproductive, much like the 3 year-old knocking over the Del Monte pea canned pea display) down lucky number 7 aisle, home of meats, dairies, and seasonals hoping to make it to the Turkey bin. As usual, I am forced to wait for a group of six friends who seemed to have picked this aisle to catch up on the last ten years of their lives. Finally, I make my way toward the bin. Three or four people are huddled around each care-

fully manipulating poor Tom. Dropping, knocking, listening, you name it, they're testing for it. Finally, after spreading some holiday cheer by way of sending my empty cart "accidentally" crashing into the guy with the smallest turkey, I am able to grab my very own 20 pound seven ounce Tom, my Christmas bird. After a relatively easy trip an aisle down for some Stove Top stuffing I am ready to rush out and head for the real battle, the mall. But no, Tom and I won't be going anywhere too soon. It seems the express line leads the whole way down aisle 2. Now all I have to do is wait contentedly and enjoy the pleasant sounds of the six year-old screaming because his dear mommy won't let him have any more candy. By the time the line makes it to the counter I am starting to stress. It is 7:57 and the mall closes at ten. I still have to shop for my family, my extended family, my significant other, and my dog, Pavlov. Ah ha, time for some Hopkins throat resourcefulness. Before anyone can notice, I toss a pile of M&M's, Soap Digests, and Bic disposable razors onto the conveyor belt and begin to complain to the cashier that this is the express line and the last time I checked that meant ten items or less, what kind of store was this anyway? After a brief hesitation and a threat to spread goodwill to the man-

ager, I was politely rung up and was finally free.

Now I am on my merry way to that wonderful mecca of Christmas shoppers past, present, and future, the mall. By the looks of the parking lot, it might be a bit crowded. After weaving in and out of row after row of parked cars, I am about ready to try throat plan B. In a matter of moments, the blue volvo with handicapped tag xvho4d is transformed into a blue volvo with Maryland tag orgo1. As for me, I pull my Plymouth Voyager into the best space in the place, and head into the great commercial hell at last. After a few crafty feet placed in front of a few unfortunate ankles, I have a place to walk. It is now 8:30, which gives me an hour and half to do all my shopping.

Let's see, cards, I had better get cards. After a few more body checks I make it to the doors to the card store only to discover more damned people. Standing there, I am in awe of the incredible size of the crowd in the store. Meanwhile, having let down my guard, a pair of sneering stroller pushers rumble past over my left and right feet. Ah, but revenge is so sweet. Quickly I sliver through the crowd, following stroller number 1. Mums picks up a card, instantly, I grab the appropriate envelopes--there will be no peace on earth to those who stand in my way tonight. The innocent babe reaches up to grab my hand, but he is too late, I am already gone. Picking three identical cards with glossy wreaths on the front and Merry Christmas written inside, I am ready for my second big line of the night. Fortunately, a haggard young woman steps up and announces that she would like to help someone. How wonderful, I think, elbowing the nice elderly woman standing next to me as I gracefully lunge for the vacant register. No more problems there; I continue my search for "the perfect gift" for everyone. Moments after leaving Hallmark, I am besieged by two more strollers. This time only my left foot is swelling, but I am beginning to see the wisdom of Newt Gingrich's astute orphanage idea. Quickly, I duck into Sears and head for the sweater section, won't Dad be thrilled. On my way I can't help but see that there is quite a crowd building in the pet section. Not about to let Pavlov be left out of this season of warmth and togetherness, I prod, punch, and kick my way to the squeaky toy rack, just in time to rescue a yummy rubber hamburger. Quickly, I grab the item and head back to menswear, knowing there is no time to lose. Damn, someone is about to grab the blue button down sweater my Dad has been coveting since, well, maybe he hasn't, but who cares, I want it! Clearly, drastic action

was needed, so I dive for the only thing left, the fire alarm. Yes, yes, yes, the idiot groping my gift blue sweater drops the sweater and heads out. In a flash, I am at the sweater's side, stashing it under a nearby manikin display. Now, it is 9:15, I must find the perfect gift for mom. Where to go? Ah ha, a candy shop. A good couple pounds of fudge ought to more than make up for Dad's, um, inadequacies. Ok, so now all that is left is to find something for my girlfriend. Of course this will take some time and I quickly dive into the first jewelry store I see. No way, too pricy for me. Hmmm, shoes, no (too many already), clothes, no (size issues are always touchy), housewares, no (but wouldn't it be nice?), lingerie, no (I am not actually going to go in that store), disney merchandise, maybe (it never hurts to appear sensitive).

Into the Disney Store I go. Besides the fifteen or twenty little gremlins running around screaming, the place is cool. Dickens' Christmas Carol is bellying its usual dogooder crap out of the mounted wall TV. There it is, Goofy, she loves Goofy, I'll get her a stuffed Goofy, and she will forget all about not having seen me for three weeks. Triumphant, I grab the last giant Goofy doll left only to discover a young girl of about eight has grabbed hold of it also. No problem, I think, trying to smack her arm away, but then, mommy shows up. It seemed mommy had been taking some sort of anabolic growth steroid, because mommy was looking rather huge when compared to my deft, pesky, intellectual frame. Recognizing the inherent love of the holiday scene, a sudden wave of joy flowed through me just that instant, and, as I dropped the doll and gleefully sprinted away, I suddenly knew everything would work out; after all, the Goofy doll had been seventy four dollars anyway. After a brief jaunt through the panicking, stressed out, last minute shoppers that I knew I would beat to the perfect gift, I made it back to Sears in time to grab the sweater and catch a glimpse of the poor fool who had so foolishly coveted "my" gift only a short while before. Smiling with glee, I headed over to Sam Goody's for the old standby gift that I knew was just right, the \$15 gift certificate. That way, she could buy a CD we would always remember. As I headed home that night in my Voyager with my perfect gifts in the nick of time, I passed the blue volvo's owner, arguing on the street corner with a man driving a tow truck. Smiling with satisfaction, I cruised into traffic, cut off three people, and made it to my house at 10:05. Just in time for a late family dinner. Never let it be said I didn't learn anything at Hopkins...

More Than Just Humbug Happy Holidays to All the Grinches!

by Maximilian G. Barteau

The Christmas holiday is for most students a guarantee of a brief respite from the doldrums of academic despair. It is a time when most students make their pilgrimage home to see their parents, siblings, and friends. Finals are over, for good or evil, and it is a full six weeks with practically nothing to worry about. It should be a happy time, yet from the first hint of a Christmas sale before the Thanksgiving holiday, through the New Year, the world is bombarded by pessimists who are either unable or unwilling to see the good of Christmas—so much so that they feel obliged to write about it and subject the rest of us to their negative attitudes as well.

Invariably, the leading newspapers in this country will have between two and five columns in the upcoming weeks decrying the greedy, capitalist nature of the holiday. They will satiate their desires to see evil in the world by claiming that Christmas is only about shopping, shopping, and more shopping. Some will go so far as to say that the "selfishness of the 80's" has returned, if only for a month. They would have us believe that gluttony and chaos will prevail and that the world as we know it will cease to exist.

To these people, I say a hearty BAH-HUMBUG! The world does not need that kind of pessimism; there's plenty of sadness in the world without their help. Clinton's in the White House, the GOP controls Congress, thousands of Muslims are being slaughtered by the Serbians and the baseball season got cancelled (the worst tragedy to be sure). The list is endless. But therein lies the joy of Christmas—leaving it all behind for a short, short while.

Shopping is often the target of these misguided attacks. Shopping is the embodiment of all that is unclear and unjust in society (but only during Christmas). We are meant to think that the thousands of Christmas gift-givers contributing to the health of the economy and providing jobs for an estimated 1 million seasonal employees are wrong. Not only are they wrong, but they are greedy. They are shopping for their own perverse pleasure. These people have clearly never experienced a

sea of strollers or the pleasant aroma of teenagers who haven't quite mastered the art of bathing.

I was once among the many people who wished that "Christmas could last all year long." However, I have since realized that if that were the case, Christmas would not be Christmas; it would be, say, Rodent Appreciation Day (which actually exists). There is something particularly special about the Christmas season which is really quite indescribable. Whether they work or study, all people need to have a release, and this is one of the many beneficial functions of the Christmas season. Since the days before recorded history, peoples of all races, colours, and creeds have at least one time during the year when they can relax and enjoy themselves (the French may be an exception to this as they enjoy themselves constantly). It is inherently ludicrous to try and take this away from people.

Several televised messages point out that many in this nation and in the world do not have the opportunity to experience much of the pleasure of Christmas—and they are right. Which is why this is also the time of the year when those who have a little extra give to those who do not. And that is as it should be. But there are still people set on ruining the holiday. They claim "we" are ignorant and uncaring. Who are we in "care" only once a year and turn our heads the remainder of the time they will ask. My response to them is that the world is doing the very best it can; perhaps it's not fair that all people do not share an equal portion of the world's vast resources. If that is your opinion, take up your cause from January 2 through November 26 because we don't want to hear your negativism during this holiday season. Save it for the rodents.

The world may not be a fair place; perhaps often not even a nice place. But during this short season, look around you and see the beauty which is there. Look for simple blessings such as health, family, and friendship. Remember it is only six weeks and then you can go back to the grindstone. Savour it—it will not last. And if you see a Grinch, please smile really big and say, "I loove Christmas." You will have successfully ruined their day.



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Christmas Music Extravaganza

IF EVERY DAY WAS LIKE CHRISTMAS
Elvis Presley
RCA

by **Alicia Bromfield**
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Yes, Elvis is dead, but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate Christmas with him. In fact, the holiday season without Elvis' rendition of "Blue Christmas" is like eggnog without the rum. Fortunately no one has to go without a holiday helping of Elvis and his versions of old familiar carols. The recently released album 'If Every Day Was Like Christmas' is a fine compilation of both traditional and modern favorites sung by none other than the King himself. Complete with a brief history and 3-D pop-up Christmas Graceland, 'If Every Day Was Like Christmas' is full of Christmas cheer and holiday sentiment.

No Christmas album would be complete without such standard carols as "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The versatility of Elvis' voice is apparent in his ability to sing both religious songs and songs more focused around humanity and the fun spirit of the holidays. His low voice naturally takes to such slow and deep carols as "The First Noel" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The guitars and drums usually accompanying Elvis' music are replaced by the classical sounds of the Imperials Quartet. These traditional carols contrast well with more modern favorites such as "Santa Bring My Baby Back to Me" and "Merry Christmas Baby." Sung in the style of Elvis characteristic rock style these carols are upbeat and light yet still reek of the holiday spirit.

Of particular interest to true Elvis fans might be the original song "Santa Claus Is Back In Town." Composed by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, writers of the well known "Hound Dog"

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and "Jailhouse Rock," the song came about through a last minute effort to come up with a song to complete the album Elvis was currently working on. Elvis loved the song and after hours of conservative and reserved practicing, he surprised his producer by recording it with heartfelt enthusiasm, producing a blues sound. The song states, "Got no sleigh with reindeer/ No sack on my back/ You're gonna see me coming/ In a big black Cadillac." Anyone familiar with Elvis' love of large Cadillacs can easily see why this song was one of his favorites.

Those not so fond of Elvis, however, may find some tracks overly romantic and sentimental ad nauseam. In "If I Get Home On Christmas Day"

Elvis croons, "If I get home on Christmas Day/ I won't need soft words to say/ I miss you and I'll stay a while/ You'll see it in my eyes and in my smile." The background music to this song is equally as gushy, something which traditional Christmas songs are not. In "It Won't Seem Like Christmas Without You," Elvis sings, "Oh, it won't seem like Christmas without you/ For too many miles are between/ But if I get the one thing I'm wishing for/ I'll see you tonight in my dreams." It's a song full of romantic sentiment and a nice melody yet one which will not please the listener seeking carols written and sung in a more traditional and spirited holiday manner. As a collection "If Every Day Was Like Christmas" has songs which will please listeners who are seeking out new versions of traditional holiday carols and enthrall true Elvis fans who are looking for a compilation of his Christmas works. With its unique packaging—a CD envelope which folds out into a model of a snow laden Graceland—and the great quality of the music, 'If Every Day Was Like Christmas' is an album which will bring holiday cheer to any listener.

"For too many miles are between/ But if I get the one thing I'm wishing for/ I'll see you tonight in my dreams."

NOEL
The Canadian Brass
RCA Victor

by **Maura LoMonico**
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Among the new releases of Christmas albums this season is one by The Canadian Brass featuring such classical artists as James Galway, Richard Stoltzman, Jerry Hadley, and the King's Singers. You might expect a Christmas album put out by a brass quintet with featured artists like these to produce straightforward performances of traditional and classical Christmas songs. Unfortunately, this is not the direction the Canadian Brass chose to take in creating 'Noel.'

The Canadian Brass Jazz All-Stars is a group comprised of the quintet, additional brass players, and a rhythm section, and features trumpet player Arturo Sandoval. This ensemble performs several songs on 'Noel,' and brings some jazz to Christmas favorites like "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," "Angels We Have Heard On High," and "O Holy Night." These songs are arranged tastefully for the most part, and once you get used to the idea of these songs as jazz charts, it's not half as bad as you might expect.

On certain tracks, however, the jazz feel is all wrong. Perhaps it's just because one would expect James Galway to play "The Holly and the Ivy" as he did on his own Christmas album, with straightforward, traditional, pure feelings about Christmas. Instead, Galway breaks in over the synthesized piano vamp with a swinging, off-beat version of the melody. This is one of the most inexcusable tracks on the album. Galway's playing is wasted on this track; his previous recording of the same song prevails.

The second major jazz mistake on 'Noel' is "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," performed on solo clarinet by Richard Stoltzman. This is one of the

religious songs featured during the Christmas season that should just not be messed with. Again the synthesized keyboard sound and percussion provide the background for a clarinet melody that starts out in straight eighth notes (against the swinging rhythm section) and quickly breaks into swinging eighths, followed by an improvised solo with muted trumpets playing the melody behind it.

Even "Sheep May Safely Graze" and "Ave Maria" are plagued by this insistent electronic piano. The brass and vocal arrangements for both of these are wonderful. They just should have left out the keyboard. Even completely leaving out the background of arpeggiated chords would be better than the synthesizer used to accompany tenor Jerry Hadley's performance of "Ave Maria."

This is not to say that all of the songs on the recording are mutilated in this way; some are performed in a more "traditional" style. For example, "Let the Merry Bells Ring Round" by Handel is, thank heaven, not jazzed up. "Short Fantasy on a Catalan Carol," performed with Angel Romero on guitar is a rich musical arrangement that begins with a beautiful a cappella guitar melody and continues with the brass quintet playing melodies that are intertwined with those performed by Romero. It's a refreshing acoustic change from the instrumentation that is used for much of the album.

Another relief on 'Noel' is the final track, the King's Singers' rendition of John Lennon's "Happy Christmas." This is a nice arrangement both vocally and instrumentally. The chords in the vocal parts are rich and the brass plays interesting background that doesn't really come through in the Lennon version. It's a nice addition to the album.

Perhaps next time an ensemble feels the urge to record both traditional and cheesy jazzed up versions of Christmas songs it will consider making two albums, one for each style, or holding off on the jazzed up versions for another recording. The combination of the two styles on 'Noel' is a little too much to take. The performances are top quality, but too much variation in style really disrupts the flow of the album. You never know whether to expect that the quintet playing a simple, but beautiful, arrangement of a well-known Christmas song is going to break into an overly electrified modern jazz style. More of the straightforward and much less of the messing around, and The Canadian Brass could have themselves a perfect Christmas recording.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
Donna Summer
PolyGram Records

by **Bob Lessick**
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

I'll be honest. When I heard that the *News-Letter* was looking to find someone to review a Donna Summer Christmas CD, I could barely contain my enthusiasm.

I'm old enough to remember the disco era with fondness. Sure, a lot of big-name disco artists were interchangeably similar. Donna Summer began her music career as a result of a

bet. She was working on the German production of the musical "Hair," when she took a challenge from cast members who didn't believe she could write and record a hit single. The release of "Love to Love You Baby" was just the beginning for the queen of disco. She went on to create her own unique sound and became a pop culture goddess.

Her "Christmas Spirit" project has ten tracks, including six classics, one medley, and three original songs. She is backed by the Nashville String Machine, the Heritage Children's Choir, and the piano playing of Michael Omartian, who co-wrote the three original tracks with Summer.

Donna Summer gives the classics a slight twist. The emphasis is on Omartian's piano, and Summer uses a

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jazzy approach to the vocals, sounding very much like a club singer. It works well on "White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home For Christmas," not as well on the more traditional hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "O Holy Night." I like what she does with "The Christmas Song." You'll be hearing this song a lot this winter—Natalie Cole re-recorded the song that is so much associated with her dad. Summer's version is better.

The original tracks are all good, but none are destined to become classics. "Lamb Of God" is a very good song, but the spoken religious messages at the beginning and the end are a little overdone. The best one is "Christmas Is Here," another song dominated by co-writer Michael Omartian's piano skills.

I like this disk, particularly after hearing it a couple of times. If you're a Donna Summer fan, check it out. With so many other good Christmas disks on the market, it would be hard for me to recommend it to the casual fan.

MIXED NUTS
Music From the Motion Picture
Various Artists
Epic Records

by **Rachel Haugh**
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

It's hard to get into the Christmas spirit with papers due and exams to study for but make time for at least a little Christmas music. 'Mixed Nuts' is the new "dark screwball comedy" directed by Nora Ephron and starring Steve Martin. Its soundtrack features songs about all kinds of Christmases.

Fats Domino sings a swanky "I'll be home for Christmas," featuring a great sax solo. Eartha Kitt's slinky "Santa Baby" makes Santa sound sexier than he ever has been before. She sings, "Been an awful good girl this year / so hurry down the chimney tonight . . . Think of all the fellows I haven't kissed / Next year I could be just as good / if you checked off my Christmas list."

"Jingle Bells," when performed by Eastern Bloc sounds particularly danceable. Leon Redbone's rendition of "Blue Christmas," complete with drawl and twang, is appropriately lonely. "Silent Night" sounds soulful in the style sung by Baby Washington. The O'Jays provide some romance with "What are You Doing New Year's Eve," complete with plenty of shoo-bop-shoo-bops.

"Mixed Notes" and "Christmas Melody," both written and produced by George Fenton provide, in medley form, a few more sacred tunes. Fenton received Academy Award nominations for best score for "The Fisher King" and "Dangerous Liaisons" among others. He scored numerous films including "Shadowlands" and "Groundhog Day."

The album's title track, produced by Fenton and performed by Dr. John, is a song about a man luring Santa to his house with beer, beef jerky, and mixed nuts. Dr. John sings, "tastes good and salty with something cold and malted/ All the fellows at work say I'm out of my mind, but if I stay away I'm going to get you this time."

Nora Ephron also produced the soundtrack, and the music on this album is consistent with her style. It is in the same vein as the soundtracks to her previous movies, "When Harry Met Sally" and "Sleepless in Seattle." The album contains songs reflecting the



RCA Records

All I want for Christmas is some blue suede shoes.

numerous and sometimes contradictory sentiments of Christmas.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" made the cut again, not crooned by Bing Crosby, but performed by the Drifters. Carly Simon's contribution to the album, "The Night Before Christmas," contends that the "heart of this Christmas is in you and in me."

That seems the general sentiment of the album: Christmas magic. But don't worry, it's not overwhelming or sticky-sweet, it's just a reminder.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Mariah Carey
Columbia Records

by **Lauren Spencer**
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Let me tell you: it's very difficult to write a review about the songs we all grew up with, Christmas carols. It's not because you love 'em or you hate 'em, but more due to the fact that words like "groove", "beat" and "jam" don't exactly fit in with the "Away in a Manger" concept.

Well, maybe they do. This holiday season seems to be running amok with rock stars getting in the Yuletide spirit with their interpretations of their favorite Christmas classics. Maybe it's the Scrooge in me, but I can't help thinking that this could be as much an economic motivation as honest to goodness Christmas spirit.

But I digress. I'm supposed to be writing a review of Mariah Carey's "Merry Christmas" album.

Before you laugh, or cry, remember that Mariah Carey does have a beautiful voice. And though I was all set to make a jab or two, I have to admit that this album, though not anything I would voluntarily buy, was enjoyable to listen to and will be good on Christmas morning. Maybe I'll use it for a

stocking stuffer for my dog when we're done with the turkey.

They always say that music reviewers play God—they can make or break something, but I don't want to push that definition too far by offering my humble opinion of the carols. I will however say which ones I liked best—"Silent Night" and "Gloria (In Excelsus Deo)." Mariah has a bit of a tendency to sound like Whitney Hous-

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ton on the "Your True Voice" AT&T commercials, but for the most part her talents are well put to use here.

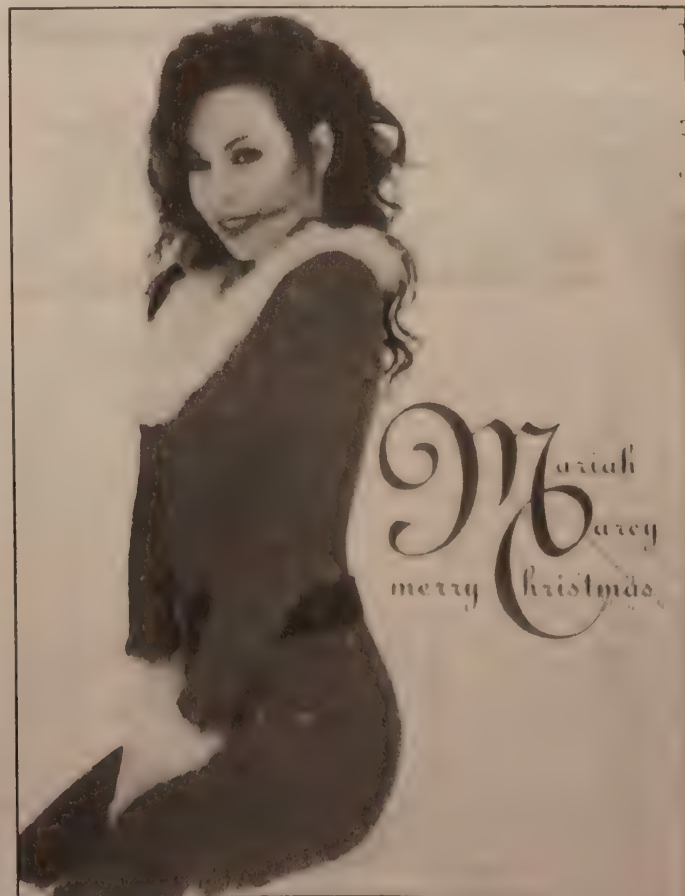
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To wrap up: If you like Mariah Carey, you will definitely go for "Merry Christmas." But if you can hold out—I'd wait—no doubt it will be available in the book store by the checkout rack by Intersession.



The Joffrey Ballet

The Joffrey Ballet returns to the Kennedy Center with its critically acclaimed classic holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker." Performances run through December 17.



Columbia Records

Ho ho ho.

True Romance, Barnstormers Style

Barry Harman and Keith Hermann's 'Romance, Romance' Earns Mixed Reviews

by Lance Wahlert
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

This Friday, December 9th, the Barnstormers will open their three-day-run of Barry Harman and Keith Hermann's musical of historical/modern significance, "Romance, Romance". It's quite noble of this relatively small theatre group to undertake the dynamics of a musical, especially one as complex as this one in which the plot, broken into two completely independent acts, actually creating two musicals instead of just one. But despite this nobility on the part of the company, the task of the performers and director (Ari Halpern) relies on their ability not to perform just two well-done musical, but two well-done musicals that have a valuable series of connections. While the former of these two elements (quality) is soundly achieved, the latter, as vital is it is, seems to be forgotten.

Act I, "The Little Comedy," accounts for the historical aspect of Harman and Hermann's romantic theme, taking place in turn of the century Vienna. The story, as expressed through the course of the Act as well as an initial "Midsummer Night's Dream"-like play-within-a-play quality, is relatively simple. It's a typical plot of lovers not telling the whole truth to one another so that one can be secure with his partner's falling in love with "the real me." In the end, lies pile upon lies and, as expected, the truth must come out. Still, despite the almost cliché nature of its storyline, "The Little Comedy" actually succeeds both as theatrical art and as entertainment. The two lovers in question, Alfred (Stu

Goldstone) and Josephine (Alysa Vanderzanden), have the greatest impact on this positive effect of Act I. Despite the numerous solos each have, the two do a sort-of duet throughout the performance as they each take turns reading (or singing) letters that they have written to their respective friends. The conflict for the two wealthy individuals is their growing frustration with the faux-romanticism that exists within the upper Venetian classes. But as far as "The Little Comedy" is concerned, dramatic conflict and climactic drama are really not that important. Enter-

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tainment takes center stage here, and rightfully so. For it is comedy and an endearing light-heartedness that are vital to the success of the act. And Alysa Vanderzanden deserves most of the credit for this.

Her Josephine (along with Alfred) must serve as the foundation for the musical-comedy. The plot is trite, the supporting cast members are all types, and the conflict is cliché. It is therefore important that the two leads should transcend this simplicity and become emotional, hilarious, bright, caring, en-

tertaining, and passionate; and for Vanderzanden, there is a realization of this. Her captivating presence, strong voice, and exact comedic sense easily co-exist and are, thus, fully utilized in this way. Yet, it is her fluidity—her willingness to use the entire stage, to change the inflections of her voice during dialogue, and to present a real, reliable Josephine—that make her so grand.

But, herein lies the weakness in the character of Alfred. Goldstone does have the strong diction and, especially, comedic sense, but he lacks the stage presence - a presence that does not need to be either strong or solid, in the literal sense. He needs to become real. Alfred never loses the stiffness in his spine and his uptight character, in this way, never truly reaches an emotional plane of substance. He sings "Happy, Happy, Happy" remarkably, but his overall delivery (without the appropriate happy, happy, happy body language) simply is not at its best. Alfred, though effective due to his aforementioned comedic presence and beautiful singing voice is just that: effective. But not as captivatingly effective as he could be.

As for the supporting cast, they mostly fall to the background—except for the appropriately stiff and funny maid Lina (Megan Barnett), who bends over as though she had a board in her blouse, speaks with a most blatant accent in her single line, and cracks the zaniest expressions at the oddest of times. Still, the fact that the majority of the secondary characters are not prominent is a strength in "The Little Comedy;" for Alfred and Josephine and their subsequent romance can then

come to the foreground. Doing so, humor and entertaining romance too come center stage. Act I never ceases to maintain its light-heartedness, and the pain, excitement, hurt, love, and anguish of the musical can all have humor - and all for the better.

In contrast, Act II "Summer Share," the modern half of "Romance, Romance," is not as clear with its intent. Its plot centers around two couples who have decided to escape the hustle-and-bustle of city life and take a week-end off in the Hamptons. The couples consist of Barb (Meredith Mendola) and Sam (Jason Spicer) and Monica (Allison Rothman) and Lenny (Christopher Walcutt). The twist to the story is that Monica and Sam have been best friends since college and they find themselves dealing with an unresolved sexual attraction that exists between them.

Whereas "The Little Comedy" seems quite planned-out in terms of intentions [definite storyline, reliable characters, and a goal of humor,] "Summer Share" just goes all over the place. And, despite their positive attributes, the acting and directing of this second half can't seem to compensate for the disjointedness of Harman and Hermann's writing. Not to be ignored, though, there are some really good aspects to Act II. Among these is the strength of the Spicer and Rothman relationship. They overcome the initial weaknesses of a poor story foundation and a sour opening number and develop their characters. Sam and Monica, through the course of Act II, actually grow as a team and produce a fantastic sexual tension as well as some endearing dramatic moments. Moreover, Rothman herself captivates the audience. With a voice that could command an army, added to her wonderfully timed revelation of character weakness, she becomes more and more beautiful as the night's events continue. A similar, though slightly less powerful, presence is achieved by Spicer.



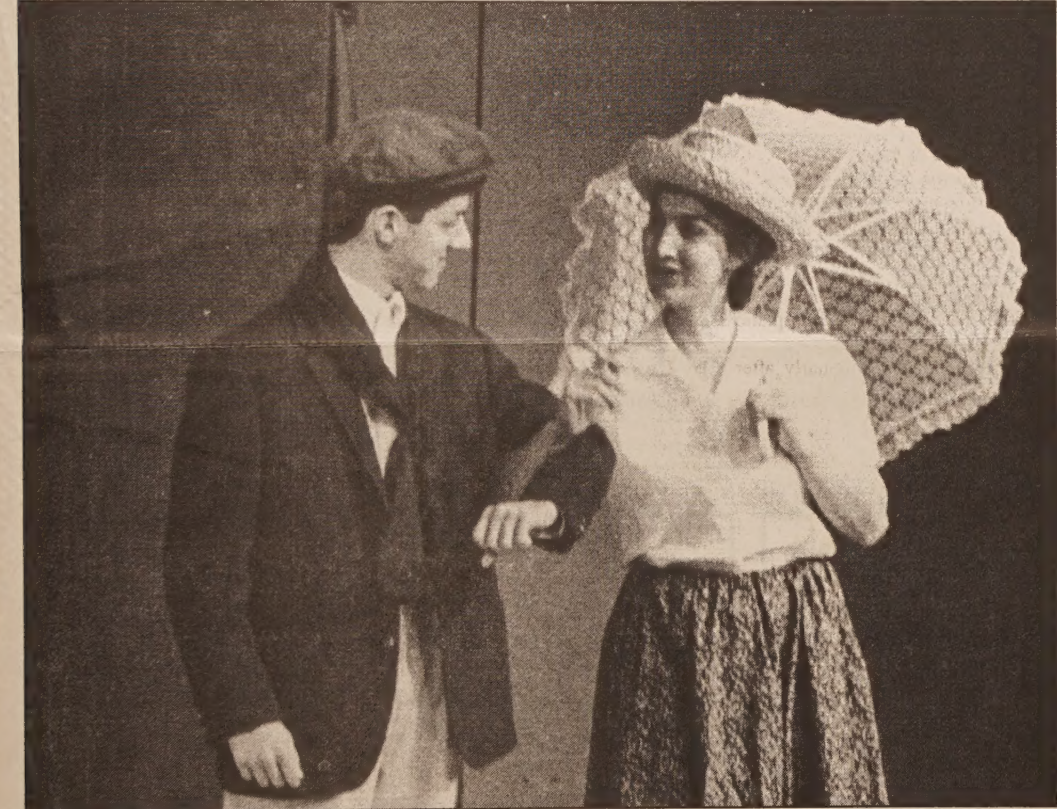
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Romance, Romance is two-act musical.

Still, just as the dramatic effect of Act II finally becomes credible and drops the successfully (though lagging) silly mayhem of "The Little Comedy," we are foiled. For, at that moment, in walk Lenny and Barb as decrepit octogenarians to perform a painfully humorless number called "My Love for You." This is the weakness of "Summer Share," which can only be attributed to Harman and Hermann. They have sought to present two musicals with a common theme, but the route they have attempted to take in expressing this is difference between the acts. But they cannot achieve this. For, as "The Little Comedy" totally makes us laugh, "Summer Share" (which, according to the Harman and Hermann intent, should totally make us think) totally makes us do nothing, except maybe become dis-

traught.

The playwrights should have aimed at their two acts becoming parallel to one another. They should have nixed the stilted dance numbers and complete dramatic essence of Act II and focused on the strength of its predecessor: making us laugh. Maybe then, "Romance, Romance" could have stood as one completely whole work instead of two completely separate (albeit strong) musicals. In that same sense, after playfully talking to Monica about extramarital affairs, Sam's saying "It's okay to kid with the idea, but let's get serious" shouldn't have to force the audience to hopelessly moan. Still, "Romance, Romance" merits seeing—thanks to the two female leads of Alysa Vanderzanden and Allison Rothman.



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The Barnstormers return to the stage for the final production of the semester.

Chili Peppers: Not So Red Hot

'Out in LA' Recycles Music That Never Should Have Been

OUT IN LA

Red Hot Chili Peppers
EMI Records

by Lauren Spencer
The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

Rule of thumb: don't mess with a good thing.

'Out in LA' is the latest album from one of my favorite groups, The Red

Hot Chili Peppers. But right after their recent compilation "What hits?," this album, which is nothing more than a collection of remixes and unreleased versions of songs circa the Reagan years, is disheartening for even the most diehard fan. The songs have, for the most part, a chaotic, frenetic quality which quickly gets old and descends the listener into audio hell.

Because of the eighties theme, many of the songs have a disconcerting "Beat

it" type feel to them, or sound like they belong more in the "Weird Science" soundtrack. In short, everything that was on 'Out in LA' was done better (much better) on another album. One particular song "Get Up and Jump" whose lyrics "Get up and jump/get out and jump/jump on up/jump on down/jump" sounds like something Anthony wrote in seventh grade study hall.

The one redeeming factor of 'Out in LA' is "Special Secret Song," although my good friend wants to point

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out that it was done better on "Uplift Mofo Party Plan." If you can say that in one breath, I'll be impressed.

In fact, the consensus is that the most original part of the album is a picture on the back cover of the Reds with socks on their Chili Peppers. How they kept a straight face for it, I'll never know. It's really the only smile I got from the album though—it's a chore to listen to—especially in light of the fact the songs could be so much better.

'Junior:' A Ridiculous Romp

Schwarzenegger, DeVito and Reitman Trio Team Up Again

JUNIOR

Directed by Ivan Reitman
Produced by Ivan Reitman
Director of Photography: Adam Greenberg
Written by Kevin Wade
Starring:
Arnold Schwarzenegger.....Alex
Emma Thompson.....Diana

by Lauren Spencer
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In a year where Jack Nicholson bays at the moon, Tom Cruise grows fangs, and Kenneth Branagh creates 1994's answer to Faces of Death, a little comedy by Ivan Reitman could easily slip through the cracks and humbly go to the land of home videos in the sky. Overshadowed by Lestat, and dimmed by such timeless characters as Captain Kirk and any number of Santa Clauses, Reitman's new film "Junior" could become a sleeper in the frenetic world of Holiday '94.

You might ask how anything with Arnold Schwarzenegger in its marquee could fail to be a box office megahit. Think back no further than Schwarzenegger's last two films, "Last Action Hero" and "True Lies." Neither did well, the former being a low scale version of Hiroshima.

The world of actors today is not unlike the world of tennis: there is no clear number one. No one is guaranteed to succeed at the box office any more than we know who will win the next Grand Slam. The top five guns in the world today have no number one seed, so to speak—they all play like number five, and the vultures on the fringe are all waiting to pounce.

It's too bad, because "Junior," which reunites the trio of Reitman, DeVito and Schwarzenegger from "Twins" shouldn't be missed. Unlike some of the other movies out today—not to name names, but movies like "The Specialist"—"Junior" is remarkably free of device and vehicle, being quietly original and shyly unpretentious.

The plot itself is relatively uncomplicated, although its premise is anything but. Arnold Schwarzenegger plays Alex Hesse, a doctor who in collaboration with his friend, (played by Danny DeVito), is working on a fertility drug which has proved very successful in primates.

When the plug is pulled on the experiment, the two decide to prove its efficiency - on Alex. So the mechanism isn't quite perfect. You just have to work with what you have.

It's hard to think of Ah-Nold with anything less than his President's Fitness Chair physique, but as "Junior" grows, so does he, aided by the help of Chinese takeout, chili, Ring Dings and pretty much anything else he can get his hands on.

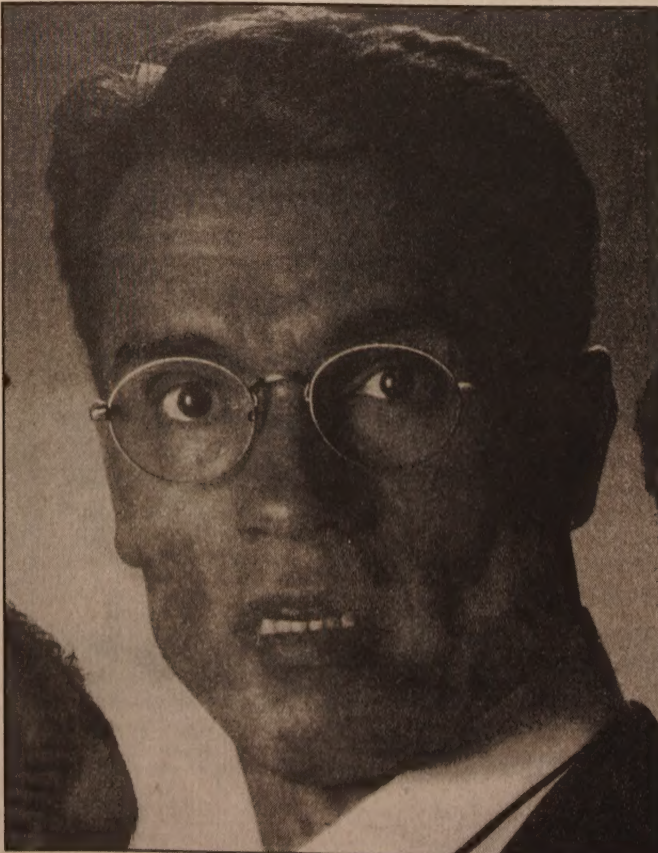
Meanwhile the two are working overtime to keep the experiment secret from just about everyone, especially the doctor that initially gave them the shaft and Diana, their successor, a British gem played by Emma Thompson. Diana generously lets the two continue using the lab for purposes which she assumes involved chimps. Little could she know that because DeVito stole here eggs out of the lab, Schwarzenegger is pregnant with her child.

It gets more complicated when the two become romantically involved—in a dysfunctional family first—they

are about to have a child together, with the father giving birth and the mother unaware!

What results is a heart-warming comedy whose greatest fault is that it gets a little too cute. You'll understand the real meaning of morning sickness when Alex intones "my body, my choice" or talks about the newly sensitive state of his nipples. Luckily Danny DeVito keeps him tightly in check, so the movie is not just one big estrogen overdose.

And, for the bargain price of \$7.25, you also get a healthy dose of medical ethics. In the growing field of genetics, eugenics, cryogenics and everything else, the questions of whether or not we should do all the things we can do is one that is being pushed to the forefront, and "Junior" makes you think about these questions. But as for whether or not a man should be able to make a baby? Hell yes—if he finds appealing the idea of nine months of looking like a Mack Truck!



Universal Pictures

Here's something you never thought you would see!

Peabody Notes

by Owen Lovell

Two weeks ago, a person or group thereof entered the gates of the Peabody Conservatory. They carried with them a modernistic statue and laid it to rest on a grassy patch between the Elder Hostel and the security office. They left, unnoticed and disappeared into the landscape of the Mount Vernon area.

This statue is rather contemporary, with a twisted black mass adorned with touches of colored paint applied haphazardly. It sits on a discolored whitish pedestal, looking completely out of place considering its surroundings. I am not alone in saying, "Why?" and for that matter, "that statue is pretty damn ugly!"

In an effort to get more information about what it is, where Peabody got the thing, An exhaustive search for

facts in Dean Baxter's, Director Pierce's, Associate Dean Zeller's, and security offices revealed a short answer—Nobody knows anything about the statue, but everyone hates it. In fact, the universal distaste for this work of art is a unifying factor between students and faculty.

In closing, I would like to present a challenge to all of our devoted readership: Find out some information about the statue, and I'll treat you personally to a free meal at the glorious Peabody cafeteria. Actually, if you can invent a good story about the statue, I'll treat you to a meal too—I have a lot of money to burn off in my declining balance account.

There are no large ensemble concerts scheduled for the rest of the semester.

Calendar

December 9 - December 15, 1994

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

FILM

Weekend Wonderflix
"Clear and Present Danger" starring Harrison Ford will be shown this weekend. Starting at 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in Shriver Hall. Tickets are \$4 general admission, \$3 for students. Call x8666 for any changes or questions.

The Orpheum Cinema
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Towson Commons
Playing at the Towson Commons are: "Pulp Fiction," "The Shawshank Redemption," "Lion King," "The Santa Clause," "Junior," "Interview with the Vampire," "The Pagemaster." The midnight shows on Friday and Saturday are "Speed," "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "True Lies," "Natural Born Killers," and "Clear and Present Danger." Located on York Road and Pennsylvania Avenue. Call 825-5233 for more information and times.

United Artists Harbor Park
Playing at the UA Harbor Park are "The Santa Clause," "Interview with the Vampire," "Stargate," "The Professional," "Drop Zone," "Low Down Dirty Shame," "Star Trek Generations," and "Disclosure." United Artists Harbor Park is conveniently located in the Inner Harbor and provides eight showing rooms. Call 837-3500 for times and information.

Loews Rotunda
"Hoop Dreams" and "Heavenly Creatures" are the two movies showing at the Rotunda. Located at 711 West 40th Street. Call

235-1800 for more information and times.

The Walters Art Gallery
"Grand Illusion" with "Rules of the Game" will be playing tonight only. The Walters is located at 500 N. Charles Street. Call 547-9000 for more information.

CONCERTS/CLUBS

Eight by Ten
Awareness Art Ensemble. Reggae. Located at 10 East Cross St. Eight by Ten. Call 625-2000 for information.

Chambers
The Allmighty Senators. Located at 203 Davis Street. Call 539-3255 for more information

Peabody Concert Orchestra
The Peabody Concert Orchestra, the Peabody Singers, and the Peabody Chorus Concert will perform. Starting at 8:15 p.m. in Friedberg Concert Hall. Tickets are \$14 for general admission, and \$7 for seniors and students with ID. Peabody is accessible to Hopkins Students by the shuttle that picks up behind Shriver Hall; see posted shuttle schedules on campus. Peabody Institute is located at 1 East Mount Vernon Place with Friedberg Concert Hall at 659-8124 and North Hall at 659-8140.

LECTURES

APL Lecture
"Perspectives on Computer Vision" will be given by Dr. Azriel Rosenfeld of the Center for Automation Research, University of Maryland at College Park. The lecture will be televised in Maryland 214 at 2:00 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

Hoppy Hour
Hoppy Hour will be held in E-Level. Starting at 4:30 p.m. Hoppy Hour is sponsored by the HOP.

Coffee Grounds
Starting at 10 p.m. in E-Level. Go have FREE coffee, and forget about next week.

Barnstormers
The Barnstormers will present their Fall Studio Performances, starting at 8:00 p.m. tonight, in Arellano Theatre. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for all non-students.

Astronomy Open House
The Bloomberg Observatory will be open for starwatching, starting at 8:30 p.m. Call x6525 for weather updates.

Swing Dance Club
Friday Night Swing Dance Club a beginner swing/jitterbug dance

workshop, and regular swing dancing from 9:00 p.m. till 12:00 a.m. The music will be by the Jacques Johnson Band, in the ROTC Building, starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, and \$8 for members.

OFF CAMPUS

The Outdoors Club
The Outdoors Club will go vertical caving at Will and Zenah's at VPI, VA. This trip will go through Sunday. Call the trip coordinator Jen Edwards for more information about things you might need, and what time they're going, at x3568.

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Eight by Ten
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LECTURES

Dean's Lecture I
"Sickle Cell Anemia and Blindness" will be presented by Dr. Morton F. Goldberg, professor of Ophthalmology, and department director. The lecture will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Hurd Hall, at Hopkins Hospital.

ON CAMPUS

E-Level
Go watch Monday night football and get pizza with any two toppings for \$5. It's better than listening to it the radio.

Midnight Breakfast
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CONCERTS/CLUBS

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ON CAMPUS

Women's Studies
Women's Studies cordially invites you to their holiday party at Nichols House, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

E-Level
It's wing night. Go watch "90210" and "Models Inc." and forget about finals!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

FILM

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Chambers

Jaks, Warmers & Candy Machine. Located at 203 Davis Street. Call 539-3255 for more information

ON CAMPUS

Movies
Holiday movies will be shown in the AMR TV room starting at 4:00 p.m. It's the Holidays already, better go see these movies just for the reality check.

Calendar Policy

The Calendar lists events of interest which occur both on and off the Hopkins campus. The Calendar accepts entries for any event or activity in the Baltimore area of interest to Hopkins undergraduates. Entries should be 50 words or less and should fall under one of the following headings: Concerts/Clubs, Exhibits, Films, Lectures, Off Campus, On Campus and Sports. The News-Letter reserves the right to edit submissions. All Calendar submissions must be received at the Gatehouse by Tuesday at 5 p.m. prior to the Friday of publication. The News-Letter provides the Calendar as a service to the Hopkins community.

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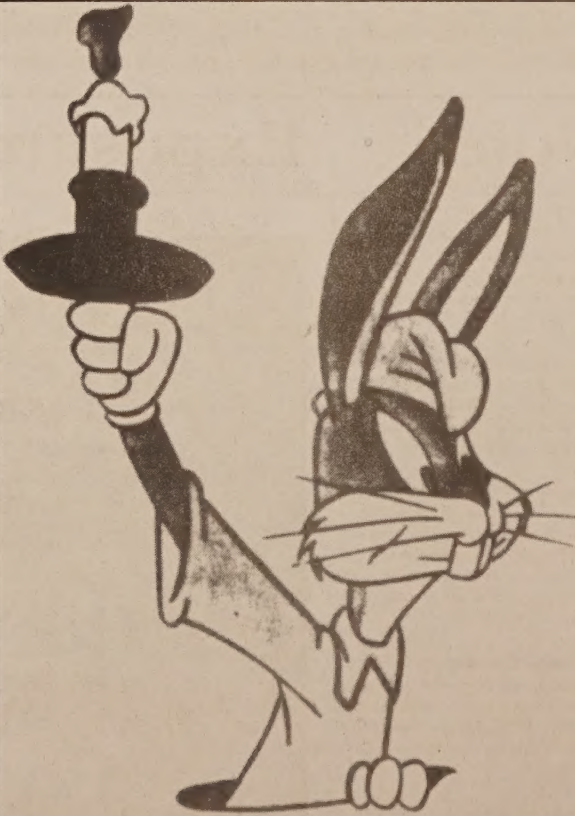
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“Nobody in Hollywood is married cuz they’re in love with each other.”
—Roseanne Barr’s thoughts on her previous marriage to Tom Arnold.

Hopkins and ranked surveys. Finals and sleep. Hollywood and marriage. “I’ll take formulas for disaster—for 100, Alex.” Some things just weren’t meant to be. And some things like Hollywood marriages, just shouldn’t be. Many Hollywood celebrities today don’t realize that when the priest says “...for richer or poorer, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, till death do us part,” he means just that. It’s not some kind of multiple choice. “Well let see, hmmm... I’ll take for richer, for better, in health, and uh... let’s just leave out that last part.” The last part in some Hollywood marriages has been as short as three days. three days. The QM has had colds that have lasted much longer. And were probably less tormenting. All of this inspired QM commentary on Hollywood marriages comes this week following the news this past week that Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere have decided to separate after three years of marriage. The QM was in utter disbelief. Theirs was a marriage made in heaven. Not. Was she even alive when Richard Gere made his fame in “An Officer and a Gentleman?” If she was, she was probably still in junior high school or high school. If Richard Gere had any thoughts about marrying her then, it would have been against the law.

Other big Hollywood splits this year include: Drew Barrymore & Jeremy Thomas, Roseanne and Tom, Steven Seagal & Kelly LeBrock, Emilio Estevez & Paula Abdul, Mickey Rourke & Carre Otis, Billy Joel & Christie Brinkley. In addition, Kevin Costner announced that he will be separating from his wife of 16 years. To top it all off there are rumors that Michael Jackson wants a split from Lisa-Marie Presley because she will not live with him. Maybe she didn’t like waking up in the morning to find circus animals wandering around the breakfast room or maybe she didn’t like the smell of that 4,000-year-old man Jackson keeps. Currently the rumors are being denied so the QM won’t comment any further, although it is unbelievably tempting.

To end on a positive note though, the QM does acknowledge that there are some of those in Hollywood who seem to be making it through marriage all right. Although they are all actors and actresses, so you never really know for sure. Some of those who have been able to survive amazingly long even by non-Hollywood standards: Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward-36 yrs, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee-46 yrs, Dale Evans and Roy Rogers-47 yrs. This week’s quiz, if you haven’t already realized it, is on celebrity marriages past and present. The QM realizes that by the time this quiz comes out, that some of the present might become the past. As usual, answer as



many questions as you can and submit your answers marked QM to the Gatehouse(News-Letter Office) by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Team entries are allowed and in the case of any ties the winner is selected randomly. Any reader of the paper is eligible. The prize is \$10 of food from Eddie’s and a case of beer. What could be better to divorce yourself from finals! So file that entry at the Gatehouse today!

- 1.Joe DiMaggio sent roses three times a week to her grave even though his marriage to this legendary bombshell didn’t even last a year.
- 2.She currently stars with Michael Douglas in “Disclosure.” He gained fame in “Die Hard.” Both have done steamy love scenes in movies this year.
- 3.Ashley Hamilton’s arriage to this feisty “90210” actress ended after less than eight months.
- 4.He currently stars in “Interview with a Vampire.” She met him on the set of “Days of Thunder.”
- 5.He made the Statue of Liberty disappear. She is thinking of writing her autobiography as a supermodel at twenty-two.
- 6.Mike Tyson was once married to her. She used to be one of the stars on “Head of the Class.” Mike blames her for all his woes.
- 7.He is a sports commentator for the NBA. She once played Bill Cosby’s wife on “The Cosby Show.”

8.Kim Basinger is married to him. He co-starred in “Malice,” with Nicole Kidman. Several of his brothers are starting to make it big in Hollywood.

9. “Maybe not today. Maybe not tomorrow. But someday.” This actress starred with Humphrey Bogart in “Casablanca,” and stayed married to him until his death.

10.He currently co-stars in the movie “Junior.” She used to be a barmaid on “Cheers.”

11.He also currently co-stars in the movie “Junior.” She is part of the Kennedy clan. She remembers that, “When we met, I was pretty sure I would marry him.”

12.Lyle Lovett is currently married to this big box office actress. She is currently one of the stars in Robert Altman’s “Pret-A-Porter.”

13.Dennis Quaid is married to this actress who used to appear regularly on the soap “As the World Turns.”

14.Patrick Swayze survived his marriage with this childhood sweetheart of his, even through, as he describes it, “his hunk days.”

15.Rita Wilson is married to this big box office actor. He won the Academy for best actor for his role in “Philadelphia” last year. Some think he’ll win it again this year.

Bonus/Tiebreaker: Name all the past husbands of Elizabeth Taylor.

Last week’s quiz drew three entries, only one of them perfect. The runner-up this week is Nancy Kim. The winner this week is Rajiv “My mother read fairy tales to me when I was little” Arora. Congratulations on your entry. Mom wouldn’t be happy that all her nights spend reading to you has amounted to little more than \$10 dollars of food from Eddie’s and a case of beer. Cheer her up and send her a six-pack. She deserves some credit too. Anyway, claim your prize A.S.A.P!

- The answers to last week’s quiz are:
- 1.Jack the Giant Killer 2.The history of Tom Thumb 3.Little Red Riding Hood 4.Sleeping Beauty 5.Jack and the Beanstalk 6.Bluebeard 7.Snow White 8.The Princess and the Pea 9.The Ugly Duckling 10.Hansel and Gretel 11.Goldilocks and the Three Bears 12.Rumpelstiltskin 13.The Frog Prince 14.Cinderella 15.Puss in Boots

Campus Notes

Coffee Grounds welcomes the Hopkins Mental Notes to our center stage Friday, December 9th in the Great Hall. Come relax before finals with good music and delicious (free!!!) coffee. A super-handly Coffee grounds travel mug will be given to each of the first fifty through the door! Other performers are welcome, and we are booking for next semester. Call Dominic at 516-3764 to schedule. Any other questions? Contact Amy a 516-3529.

A Christmas Candlelight Service sponsored through the Campus Ministries will take place at midnight in the Glass Pavilion on Tuesday, December 13.

The End of the Year **Sash Bash** will take place on Saturday, December 10th at 10pm in the Great Hall. Admission and food are free. Secret Santas will be revealed at midnight!

If you want to support sexual abuse survivors and help reduce the risk of peer-to-peer abuse at Hopkins, join the **Sexual Assault Task Force** now — come to our organizational meeting for new members on Monday, December 12, at 5:00pm in the Great Hall. Can’t make it? Stop by the Dean of Students Office to pick up a membership packet and info on late January training.

“Ain’t we lucky we got ‘em...Good Times.” And “ain’t” you lucky you got us. **A Place To Talk (APTT)** will have its rooms in Baker House (AMRII) and McCoy Hall open during finals week. Starting December 14 until December 21 from 9pm-12am; take a break from finals, stop by and enjoy some refreshments, or call 516-8001.

Police Story III (directed and starring Jackie Chan) will be showing in the AMRI TV Room, Friday, December 9 starting at 7 p.m. Free refreshments. Sponsored by the Foreign Film Club and the **Hong Kong Students Association**.

Submissions for the **Barnstormers** second spring studio are due in the Barnstormers SAC box in Merryman by 5 pm on Thursday, December 8. Call Stu at 366-1210 or e-mail barnstrm@jhvms for more info.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services presents “For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf”, A stage pro-

duction by Ntozake Shange, directed by Benedict A. Dorsey. December 8-10, 8pm nightly at the Merrick Barn. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for the public.

It’s time to reserve **E-Level** for your group’s program for next semester!! Available times are filling fast! Contact Gary at the Levering Union Student Activities Office, x6091.

Agapé Campus Ministry invites you to join us for praise and worship, sharing of the Word, prayer and fellowship. Every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Shaffer 100. All are welcome! Questions? Call Frank 366-5867 or Jane 235-2053.

Agapé Campus Ministry invites you to join us for prayer every morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:00 a.m. in NEB room B21. All are welcome! Questions? Call Frank 366-5867 or Jane 235-2035.

Parent Loss Group **The Counseling and Student Development Center** will be offering a support group for students who have experienced the death of a parent. The group will meet on Fridays from 11:30 - 1:00 beginning in December. If interested in participating in this group, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Beil or Anu Sharma at x8278.

Apply now for the **Urban Policy Internship Program** (Spring 1995 semester), a six-credit undergraduate course in urban policy featuring a seminar and internships in city government, planning, law, social services, community organization, economic development, and related fields. For information and applications, contact Robert Seidel, Institute for Policy Studies, Wyman Park Building, 516-4624.

The **Black and Blue Jay** meets Tuesday nights in Levering Hall. Become part of the madness that is Hopkins’ humor magazine. Submit unto us!

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